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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on THURSDAY.
OCEANIEN	4239	Remes	23rd Oct. 1902.
ERNEST SIMONS	5,707	Dupuy Fromy	30th Nov. 1902.
SYDNEY	4,232	Negre	18th Dec. 1902.

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All Claims for Damages, &c., must be sent in the Office within seven days after the discharge of Cargo, or before the goods are removed to the unclaimed warehouse from the landing shed, otherwise they will not be entertained. Goods on Survey will be attended to every morning.

P. DE BURE,
Acting Agent.

Bombay, 21st October, 1902.

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G. T. W. OLVER,
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No. 2769, Bombay, 20th October, 1902.

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The Dividend will be paid to Shareholders at the Company's Office, No. 8, Forbes Street, between the hours of 12 A.M., and 3 P.M., on week days, and between 11 A.M., and 2 P.M., on Saturdays.

By order,
PEROSHAW B. R. MODY,
Manager.

Bombay, 20th October, 1902.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership which has for some time past been carried on by the undersigned HAJI SIDICK HAJI SUMAR, ABD REHMAN HAJI SUMAR, ALI MAHOMED HAJI SUMAR and MOTICHAND BHAGVANJI, under the name, style and firm of ABDUL REHMAN MOTICHAND and Co. at Jackeria Musjid, Pydhowni, as Woollen and Fancy Goods Merchants, has, as from the 21st day of October, 1902, been DISSOLVED by mutual consent so far as regards the said SIDICK HAJI SUMAR, ABD REHMAN HAJI SUMAR and ALI MAHOMED HAJI SUMAR, who have retired from the said firm. The undersigned MOTICHAND BHUGVANJI will continue and carry on the said business under the name of "MOTICHAND BHUGVANJI" and will pay and is entitled to receive all debts due to and owing to the said late firm of Abdul Rehman Motichand and Co.—Dated this 21st day of October, 1902.

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" SHA MOTICHAND BHUGVANJI.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited and will be received by the Undersigned at his house on the Khetwadi Main Road, behind Sir Mangaldas Bungalow, on SUNDAY, the 2nd day of November 1902, from 2 to 3 P.M. for the supply of RATIONS and CLOTHING, for the use of the inmates of the Institution for one year from 1st February, 1903.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a deposit, which will be forfeited in case the party whose Tender may be accepted should refuse to execute the required agreement and fail to furnish the required security for the due fulfilment of his Contract.

Further information may be obtained and samples of the required Articles seen on personal application to the Undersigned, and Printed Copies of Tenders can be had between the hours of 7.30 and 8.30 A.M., on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS, at the David Sassoon Industrial and Reformatory Institution, on payment of a fee of Rupee One. The Managing Committee of the Reformatory do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,
BABA LAXMAN,
Secretary, D. S. I. and R. Institution.

Grant Road, Chunam Klin, Bombay, 15th October 1902.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

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SEALED TENDERS will be received by the ENGINEER at his Office, Ballard Road, up till 1 P.M. (Gun fire), FRIDAY, October 24th, for the SUPPLY of the following STORES for 12 months from January 1st to December 31st, 1903:—

STORES.	Deposit to accompany Tender. Rs.
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Sand, Shingle and Bricks	250
Cocoanut and Castor Oils	250
Cocoanut Oil for Light Ship Use	250
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Stationery, English	250
Stationery, Indian	250
Provisions	250
Sundries	500
Ironmongery	500
Metals	250
Files	250
Cement	250
Ropes	250
Paints and Oils	250
Timber	500

N.B.—Cheques will not be received.

1. Forms of Tender and Schedules of Articles and other particulars may be obtained and samples inspected at the Engineer's Storekeeper's Office, Elphinstone Bunder, on payment of Rs. 2 for each Schedule. The covers to be endorsed "Tender for Stores." The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted. The Tenderer will be bound by his Tender as to each Item or Article for which he tenders, and any part of a Tender may be accepted and the remainder rejected.

2. The cost of Stamping the Agreement to be borne by the successful Tenderer.

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E. A. CORKE,
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GENT'S TAILORS AND
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GENT'S SUITS &c., MADE ON INSTALMENT SYSTEM.
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OPPOSITE GOKULDAS HOSPITAL.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

On SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction at "West View" near Sassoon Dock, valuable and handsome teak and blackwood French-polished household furniture of the latest design, rich glass and crockeryware, best plated-ware, drawing room cabinets, bed room single and double door almyras rich table ornaments and flower vases, table and hanging lamps, eight day clock, first-rate pictures in frames, cooking utensils, etc., the property of J. MORRIS, Esqr. Architect, proceeding to Europe.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods.

AT 1-30 p.m.

1 handsome strong-built victoria in very good order.
1 handsome strong glass fronted circular brougham.
1 chestnut Arab horse, 14-1 hands, quiet in saddle and harness.
1 country bred mare, 5 years, goes in saddle and harness.

On SUNDAY, the 26th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs BENNETT and Co will sell by Public Auction at Lowjee Castle, Parel, valuable and handsome teak and blackwood French polished household furniture, glass and crockeryware, best plated ware, table and hanging lamps, one mandoline in case, one Kodack camera, one large size folding camera with lense, one Winchester rifle, one double barrel 12 bore gun hammerless, carpets, pictures, table ornaments, a collection of choice plants in tubs and pots, etc., the property of Mrs. C. COLLINS, proceeding to Europe.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On MONDAY, the 27th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Pawai Road, Malabar Hill, a very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood French-polished household furniture, rich glass and crockery-ware, best plated ware, one sweet-toned walnutwood cottage pianoforte by Schiedmayer and Soehne in first-rate order, table, hanging and wall lamps, large carpets, rich table ornaments, &c., the property of Surgeon-Major H HERBERT, I. M. S.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On a day to be fixed hereafter Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the "Ridge," Malabar Hill, the valuable and handsome Blackwood and teakwood plain and carved French-polished household furniture by Wimbridge and John Roberts, best plated-ware, rich crockery and glassware, first rate pictures and oleographs, rich table ornaments, handsome China and Japanese vases, Madras cane matting, set of aluminum cooking utensils, valuable library, Incandescent gas lamps, a collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots, &c., &c., the property of Honble Mr. Justice E. T. CANLY.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 22nd October, 1902.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS OF BUNGALOW AT STREET No. 4, JUNCTION OF GIBBS AND GOWALIA TANK ROAD.

Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the premises on FRIDAY, the 24th October, 1902, at 3 p.m., the materials for removal of the following Bungalow.

All the materials of Bungalow at Street No. 4, Junction of Gibbs and Gowalia Tank Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Undersigned,

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 22nd October, 1902.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

BONA FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LIBRARY.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 2 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, in Marine Street, Fort, valuable library consisting of books in classical subjects, English and general literature, law including numerous law reports, Mathematics and Science, the property of HUGH SEALY Esq., Pleader.

The books are on view.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Middle Colaba, opposite the Post Office, the valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plateware, crockery and glassware, Ditmar's 5-light hanging lamp, floor lamps, etonized cottage piano by Rose and Co, Chubb's locker iron safe, English ice-box, table ornaments, Brussels carpets, cooking stove by Smith and Wellstood, gent's bicycle, rowtee, garden plants, English viceroys in good order, etc, the property of H. GAY, Esqr.

Catalogues are published, and the property is on view.

SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY AT KOOTARWADY ON THAKURDWAR ROAD.

Under instructions from Bhimaji Radhaji alias Amirbux, the Mortgagee in possession, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at 4-30 p. m., the following property and on account and at the risk of Gungaram, Damoder, the grandson and Administrator of the property and credits of the late Raghunath Shivram the Mortgagor under a possession mortgage dated the 2nd day of July, 1901, executed by the mortgagor in favour of the Mortgagee.

All that piece or parcel of Pasperdari land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Kootarwady on the Fazindari ground of Jaithoy Ardesir Sett on the South side of Thakurdwar Road, in the City and Registration sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 57·2 feet in length and 28 feet in breadth or thereabouts, assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under C Ward No. 4941, and Street No. 30 and bounded as follows:—That is to say on or towards the East by the house of Vinayek Tuambhat, on or towards the West by the house of Laxman Vithoo, on or towards the South by the vacant ground and on or towards the North by the Thakurdwar Road. The said premises are now in the occupation of the tenants of the mortgagee.

For particulars and conditions of sale apply to Mr. Dinshaw D. Remer, Attorney to the Mortgagee, at his office No. 7, Tamarind Lane, Fort.

SALE OF ONE CASE AMERICAN ASSORTED CARRIAGE READY-MIXED PAINT.

On MONDAY, the 27th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, by order of Messrs. R. A. Parakh and Co., and on account and at the risk of Mr. Frank M. Stephens, trading as Messrs. J. A. Williams and Co., Professional Carriage Builders, Gowalia Tank Road, Bombay—

1 case of American assorted carriage ready mixed paint, quick drying.

On WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Sargent House, Merewether Road, Apollo Reclamation, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, best plated ware by Reed and Barton, rich crockery, Treacher's glassware, square piano by Richard Lipp and Son, ladies and gent's bicycles, half plate camera by Lancester, perambulator, Persian and Brussels carpets, ice box, iron safe, pictures, table ornaments, wind proof lamps, &c., the property of A. C. BOWDEN Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view three days before the sale,

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT LANOWLI, KNOWN AS THE LANOWLI HOTEL.

Under instructions from the Executors of the will of the late Khan Bahadur Manockjee Cowasjee Dotiwalla, Messrs CRAWFORD and Co, will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms in Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant at 4 p.m., the undermentioned valuable landed property, viz:—

All that piece of ground containing by admeasurement 2 acres and 28 goonthas or thereabouts of which about 1 acre and 30 goonthas is leasehold bearing old survey Nos. 105 and 107 and forming part of new survey No. 230 situate at Lanowli on the Sakar Pathar Road, together with the messuages or blocks of buildings standing thereon and known as Lanowli Hotel.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

On SATURDAY, the 1st proximo, at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Warrant Office's Quarters, Wodehouse Road, Middle Colaba, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plateware, crockery and glassware, hand sewing machine by Singer, ice box, cooking stove, wearing apparel, books, garden pots, lamps, carpets, table ornaments, etc., the property of Mr. C. BOWYER,

The property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 20th October, 1902.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, OCT. 20.

SECURITIES—		
2½ per cent. Consols	93 1/4	= plus 1/16
3 per cent. Rentes	100	= — 1/4
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	106 1/2	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	65 5/8	= do
SILVER—		
Spot in London	23 3/8	= plus 1/16
2 months hence	23 3/8	= plus 1/16
Spot in New York	50 3/8	= unchanged
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·13	= — 1/2
Berlin "	20·45 3/4	= — 1/4
New York Demand	4·86 1/8	= plus 3/8
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4 pr ct	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3/8 pr ct	= do
6 " "	3 3/8 pr ct	= do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 3/4 pr ct	= do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1/8 pr ct	= do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	1 3/4 pr ct	= do
7 day market loans	2 1/4 pr ct	= do

Sugar German granulated 1st Marks 8 1-2, Oct. Nov. Tone firm.

Para Rubber, 3 2 3-4.

Wheat white Karachi 28 1-2, Oct.-Nov. Sellers.

Wheat Red Karachi 27 7-8, Oct-Nov. Sellers.

Linseed Bold 51 1-2, Oct.-Nov. Sellers, Tone steady.

Coffee in New York 5 3-8 — 1-16.

Arrivals—Steamers Port Stephens, Bengloe and Olympia.

Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 8,000. Spot 4·74 plus 2. Sold on speculation and for export 500. Imports 8,000. Arrivals closed quiet.

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
4·49	4·46	4·45	4·44	4·45
plus 2	plus 2	plus 2	plus 1	plus 2

Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.
4·45	4·45	4·45
plus 2	plus 1	plus 1

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	51,000
Do. last year	72,000
Exports to Great Britain	33,000
" Continent	43,000
Mid-Uplands	8 11-16
Futures, month of Dec.	8·32 plus 4
Do. do. March	8·42 plus 3

In New Orleans—

Spot	8 1-16
Futures month of Jan.	8·21 plus 2
Do. April	8·23 plus 2
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Monday, 20th October 1902 :—

Cotton	823 bales.
Wheat	4,615 cwts.
Linseed	1,870 "
Rapeseed	1,610 "
Gingellyseed	7,970 "
Poppyseed	275 "
Groundnuts	158 "
Castorseed	4,062 "
Rice	737 "
Myrabollams	516 "
Cottonseed	2,515 "

BOMBAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

EXCHANGE—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	1s 3 15-16d
Bank Demand	1s 3 31-32d
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.	1s 4 5-32d
Do 6 do do	1s 4 5-16d
French Francs 3 do do	169 1-2
Marks 3 do do	137 2-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	125 1-2
Shanghai 30 " "	169 1-2
Japan 30 " "	151 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent—Tone steady.

Cash	98·14
1st Settlement	98·13
2nd do.	198·9

Money Market—Tone very easy.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 2nd October		4 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do.	17th July	3 do.
Bank of Bengal do.	15th October	4 do.
Bank of Madras do.	30th June	4 do.

SEEDS.

Linseed.—Tone quiet.

Ready	9 3
Forward April-May	8 4

Rapeseed.—Tone firm.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready	5	10
Do. Forward		
Yellow Cawnpore Ready	5	15 to 6
do. Forward		
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	6	3 to 6 4
do. Forward		

Poppyseed.—Tone steady.

Ready	8	2
Forward April-May	7	10

Castorseed—Tone firm.

Ready	24	4 to 24 8
Forward April-May	25	8 to 25 12

Groundnuts—Tone steady.

Forward Jan. Feb.	36

Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.

Howree Khandesh ready	41	4
15 per cent. Mxd., Dec.-Jan.	41	
25 " "	39	12
50 " "	38	
Black Kutnee	34	4 to 34 8

LIVERPOOL OPENING-TELEGRAM.

Tone ..... steady.
Estimated sales 10,000
Total imports 34,000

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
4·50	4·47	4·46	4·46
plus 1	plus 1	plus 1	plus 2
Feb.-March	March-Apr.	Apl.-May	May-June.
4·45	4·43	4·47	4·47
plus 1	plus 1	plus 2	plus 2

COTTON.—The local market remains quiet but steady with business in new crops practically at a standstill. In the Sutta Bazaar M. G. Broach, good, March delivery is quoted Rs. 201 and Bengals H. G, fully good, January Rs. 158. In ready cotton the enquiry to-day is limited and the turn over at Colaba is small.

SHARES.—Bank of Bombay ..... Rs. 1,282 1-2
Mancekjee Petit Mills ,, 1,790 X. D.
New Mofussil Cy. ,, 500

Telegraphic message from Shanghai reports the following :—

Fortnightly sales	15,000 bales.
Unsold stock estimated at	32,000 "
Market steady firm.	
Exchange quotation, Rs. 170 1-2	

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, OCT. 20.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.
Good Bhownugger 3 30-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	93 1-4
3 per cent Rentes	100
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	105 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	65 5-8
Bar Silver	23 3-8

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. F. NICHOLSON, A. D. C., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 22nd October 1902.

1. No. 2693 Sergeant F H English, B Company reverts to the ranks at his own request from this date.
2. Leave of absence has been granted to No. 3696 Vol F H English, B Company from 21st October 1902 to 31st March 1902.

By Order,
P H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 22nd October 1902.

1 The following drills will take place this week :—

No. 1 Company, Town Hall Compound.
To-morrow (Thursday) at 8-45 p.m.—Squad and Carbine Drill. (Carbine and Firing Exercises).

No. 2 Company, Nesbit Lane Head-Quarters.
To-morrow (Thursday) at 8-45 p.m.—Gun and Squad Drill.

2 No. 1 Company will parade in the Town Hall Compound on Saturday next, the 25th instant, for Company Drill. Fall in at 4-45 p.m. sharp.

Dress :—Drill order with arms, puttees to be worn.

3 Arms and Accoutrements will be issued from the Fort Head Quarters between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and at the Byculla Head-Quarters on nights of Drill.

By Order,
(G. STODDART, Capt., R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2, for sixlines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

DAVID ELDER—October 19, Annie Clark, wife of David Elder, Lower Hooghly Mills, Calcutta.

MACDONELL—October 15, at the General Hospital, Calcutta, Ivan Æneas Macdonell, son of the late Colonel R Macdonell, late 4th Bengal European Light Cavalry, aged 39.

VAUGHAN COWLEY—October 13, at Dolang, Joyce, daughter of H Vaughan Cowley, aged 1 year and 8 months.

VAUGHAN COWLEY—October 15, at Parbotea, Maurice, son of H Vaughan Cowley, aged 8 months.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises 5h. 56m. Sun sets, 5h. 33m. High water, 2-37m., 2-31s. Low water, 8-34m, 8-22s.

Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p.m.

Hyderabad Spinning and Weaving Company, Tamarind Lane, 4 p.m.

MOUNTED SPORTS.—The ground will be reserved for practice at 5 o'clock this evening.

FURIOUS DRIVING.—Before Mr. P. H. Destur, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Kikabhoy Moosabhoy, a Borah, was charged by Inspector DeBurgh with rash driving. The evidence showed that on Monday evening the accused was driving his vehicle at full gallop along Queen's Road. The police officer despatched a "sowar" after the accused to warn him, but the latter took no notice of the warning and continued to urge on his animal. The accused denied the charge, stating that the horse took fright and became unmanageable.—The Magistrate fined him Rs. 15.

POSTAL NOTICES.—A mail for Europe and Egypt consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission per M. M. Co's steamer Oceanien will be made up at he Bombay General Post Office for despatch to the Post Office at Marseilles at 11 a.m., to-morrow. Letters for Aden will also be despatched. —Mails for Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, China and Japan per steamer Vindobona, will be closed at the General Post Office at 8 a.m., to-morrow.—Mails for Singapore, China and Japan per extra steamer Tirol, will be closed at the General Post Office at 8 a.m., to-morrow.

ROBBERY BY A SERVANT.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mahomed Jehangir, a Mangomedan, was charged before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, with stealing one gold watch, one silver watch, and a piece of wearing apparel, collectively valued at Rs. 180, belonging to his master. It appears that on Sunday last, during the absence of his master, the accused opened the cupboard and carried off the property. On the theft being reported to the police the accused was arrested on suspicion. He then made a statement, which led to the recovery of the stolen articles from a box in a house in Temker street. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

THEFT AT WATSON ANNEXE.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Sanders-Slater, yesterday, Kallu Madarbaksh, an employee in Watson Annexe, was charged with theft of hotel property of the value of about Rs. 50, consisting of pictures, clothes, etc. About 7-30 p. m. on Monday a police man saw the accused coming out of the hotel by the main door, carrying a parcel done up in a newspaper under his arm. On opening the parcel the policeman saw a number of pictures, which the accused claimed as his own property. He was taken before the manager of the hotel, where he was searched, and was found to be wearing all the clothes before the Court. The property was kept in a room on the second floor, which was locked, but which the accused entered by a window which had no latch, and could, therefore, be opened from outside.—The Magistrate convicted the accused, and sentenced him to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

THE MURDER AT BUTCHER'S ISLAND.—Before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Balkjee Shiva, a lascar, was again charged with the murder of his wife Sundree at Butcher's Island. Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner of Bombay, said that while he was conducting an enquiry in the Morgue at Camateepoora on the 12th instant, accused voluntarily made a statement to him after he had been warned. A certain portion of the confessional statement was made without any suggestion or question from any body; the rest was in answer to questions or suggestions made by witnesses. While the statement was being made, the police were sent outside the room. They were not within sight. Witness proposed to leave Bombay on the 1st or 8th November for Europe on leave. The Coroner's interpreter was next examined with regard to the statement made by the accused; and the Magistrate committed the accused to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the High Court.

THEFT OF ORNAMENTS AND CASH—Before Mr. Kursandas Chhabildas, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Govindji Pandu and Tukaram Mayajee were charged with theft of Rs. 1,540-6-0 in currency notes and cash and Rs. 700 worth of ornaments, the property of Chhagan Dayal, grocer, keeping a shop near the Sir Munguldas Cloth Market, and residing on the same premises. Mr. Kashinath Dalal, pleader, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Velinker appeared for the second accused. The first accused, who pleaded guilty, said that, on the night of the 4th inst, finding the padlock of the door of the shop open, he entered it and took the box containing the property to the house of Toolsi, sister of the second accused, who was there and took the property, tied it up in a dhotar, and kept it in the house. No. 1 then took the empty box to a place near the Hanooman temple, when he was arrested by the police. From a statement made by No. 1 the police arrested No. 2 at Tallegaum with the bulk of the property, and brought him down to Bombay. The police recovered some of the property from the house of Toolsi. Further enquiry in the case has been adjourned.

POOR CHRISTIAN WIDOWS' CORONATION FETE FUND.

THE following donations to this fund have been received :—

	Rs.
Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote	50
Messrs. Visram Ebrahim	25
Mr. D. Graham	20
Mr. Manmohandas Ramji	15
Messrs. V. Fuelle	15
Mr. B. D. Petit	10
Mr. M. M. Fakira	5
Mr. Fazulbai	3
Total	143

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	4
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	10	11	22
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	7	7	21
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill	1	1	8
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Ramatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	3	3	15
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	1	7
G Mahim and Worli	0	1	3
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	9
Total	21	25	89
Total plague deaths to date	120,575	100,102	
Same date last year	28	22	114

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending yesterday was 705 as against 830 during the previous week. Of the total number 134 died of plague, which showed an increase of 27 over the preceding week. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 751 which included 179 deaths from plague.

A VALUABLE BOOK,

The Thirteenth Edition (60th thousand) of "THE WIFE'S ADVISER," 60 pages, illustrated, is now ready. Copies will be sent free, for a limited time, on receipt of two stamps for postage.

E. LAMBERT & SON,
MANUFACTURERS OF SURGICAL APPLIANCES,
ACCOUCHEMENT AND NURSING REQUISITES
60 & 62, QUEEN'S ROAD, DALSTON, LONDON, N. E.

PUBLIC COMPANY MEETINGS.

HINDOOSTAN SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS.

THE twenty-ninth annual meeting of the shareholders of the company was held yesterday at its registered office, Hummum Street, Mr. Narandas Thackersey Mooljee presiding. The following was the directors' report:—

Your directors take leave to place before you their twenty-ninth annual report of the working of your mills, together with the audited accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1902, showing the profit of Rs. 64,204-15-6, earned by your company including the last balance, which they think will not be considered unsatisfactory. The profit earned by your company, as above stated, your directors purpose to utilize as under:—To carry to depreciation of machinery account, Rs. 30,000; to write off to the sundry spare parts of machinery account, Rs. 30,000; to carry to the next year's account Rs. 4,204-15-6; total, Rs. 64,204-15-6. Your directors regret that they have not thought fit to recommend the declaration of a dividend to the shareholders in spite of the profit, having in view that the company's stability must be improved to meet the critical times the cotton industry passes through, and your directors are glad to notify, that, with the very same object the secretaries and treasurers of your company have again (successively for the fourth time) given up their entire commission amounting to Rs. 16,350-8-0, to which they were justly entitled, and which your directors have accepted with thanks. Your directors beg to state that during the year a further plot of the company's land, to the north of the company's stable, adjoining the plot sold last year, has been disposed of. Thus it will be seen that total land admeasuring 4,131 square yards has been sold for Rs. 20,588-8-8. Owing to the disposing of the two wheel-geared old engines formerly driving your main and the branch mills, a large stock of spare parts of machinery, which had to be kept on hand for the purpose, was rendered useless. Your directors have therefore recommended as above to write off Rs. 30,000 to that account. Messrs. Munmohundas Ramjee and Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey retire by rotation, as directors, but they are eligible for re-election. The property of your mill has been insured against risk of fire for Rs. 13,85,000, and cotton, yarn, cloth, and stores for Rs. 3,20,000 aggregating Rs. 17,11,000. You are requested to appoint auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The report and audited accounts were approved and confirmed. The retiring directors were re-elected, Messrs. Cursetjee Cawasjee Dalal and Govind Madhavjee were re-appointed auditors for the current year with a remuneration of Rs. 200 each; and a special vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Thackersey Mooljee and Co., secretaries and treasurers of the company, for having voluntarily given up the whole of their commission amounting to Rs. 16,350-8-0. The proceedings concluded with the customary compliment to the chairman.

WESTERN INDIA SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

THE twenty-second annual meeting of the shareholders of the company was held yesterday at the registered office, Hummum street, Mr. Bomonjee Dinshaw Petit presiding. The directors' report was as follows:—

Your directors beg to lay before you their twenty-second annual report of the working of your company's mill for the year ending 30th June, 1902, together with balance-sheet and profit and loss statement for the same period. From the accounts you will see that there remains a balance of Rs. 2,964-8-4, after deducting Rs. 60,000 for depreciation, which your directors have set aside. The balance your directors propose to deduct from the previous loss. Your directors are glad to inform you that your mill continues to work satisfactorily. Your directors beg to inform you that they have sold a plot of the company's vacant ground measuring about 1,334 square yards at Rs. 5 1-2 per square yard, and another small plot measuring about 245 square yards at Rs. 7 per square yard. These two plots will realise about Rs. 11,312. Your company's property including buildings, machinery, shafting, go-down and goods under process is insured for Rs. 13,68,000, and cotton, yarn, piece-goods, stores, &c., for Rs. 3,70,000. Two of your directors Messrs. James Mackintosh and Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey, retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election. You are requested to appoint auditors for the current year, and to fix their remuneration. Owing to the depressed condition of the mill industry, and to make your concern as solid and flourishing as possible, the directors have thought fit to set aside as above Rs. 60, 000 for depreciation, and with the same view, the agents have voluntarily given up, as they did in previous years, the whole of their commission amounting to Rs. 59,669-3-0, for which they were entitled to under Section 121 of the articles of association, and for which they deserve the best thanks of the shareholders. They further recommend to transfer Rs 50,000 from the reserve fund, and write off the previous loss to that extent, for which your sanction is required. Thus the amount to the debit of profit and loss account will stand at Rs. 60,039-6-3.

The directors' report and audited accounts were approved and adopted. The retiring directors were re-elected, Messrs. Cursetjee Cowasjee Dalal and Soondersdas Narandas were reappointed auditors with a remuneration of Rs. 200 each. The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the secretaries, treasurers, and agents, Messrs. Thackersey Mooljee Sons and Co., for their having voluntarily given up their whole commission amounting to Rs 59,669-3-0, which they were entitled to under Section 121 of the articles of association of the company. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

MOFUSSIL COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

THE eighth annual meeting of the company was held yesterday at its registered office, Dean Lane Mr. Vijbhucandas Atmaram, chairman of the board of directors, presiding. The following was the directors' report:—

Your directors beg to submit their seventh annual report, together with the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account made up for the year ended 30th June, 1902. Your directors have the pleasure to inform you that the profits earned by your company in the year under report amount to Rs. 58,426-3-4, which, they hope considering the poor demand for cloth and yarn from Gujerat and Kathiawar Districts, will be considered satisfactory. Deducting from the above profits last year's debit balance of Rs. 19,176-3-5 there remains a net balance of Rs. 37,249-15-11, out of which your directors have carried Rs. 18,000 to the machinery deterioration fund account, leaving a disposable balance of Rs. 19,249-15-11, from which your directors recommend that a dividend at the rate of Rs. 7 1-2 per share, being 3 per cent per annum on the capital, free from income tax, be paid to the shareholders, absorbing Rs. 18,000, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,249-15-11, from which they recommend Rs. 400 to be paid as bonus to the employes of the company and the balance of Rs. 849-15-11 to be carried over to next year's account. Your mill property consisting of building, machinery, stores, stock, and stock-in-process have been insured against fire for Rs. 8,19,500. Under clause 84 of the articles of association one of your directors, Mr. Mowji Shamji, retires from the board, but is eligible for re-election. You are requested to appoint two auditors, for the next year and fix their remuneration.

The report and audited accounts were approved and confirmed, Mr. Mowjee Shamjee was re-elected a director, and Messrs. Munmohandas Dayaldas and Tribhowandas Pranjiwandas were re-appointed auditors with a remuneration of Rs. 100 each. A dividend of Rs. 7 1-2 per share, free of income tax, was declared. The best thanks of the shareholders were tendered to the agents and directors for their satisfactory management of the company's affairs. Thanks were voted to the chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

THE ANGLO-INDIAN SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

A MEETING of the shareholders of the company was held last evening at No. 1, Forbes Street, Mr. John Greaves, of the firm of Messrs. Greaves Cotton and Co., presiding. According to the notice, Mr. David Gostling was elected a director of the local committee; and Messrs. Cornforth and Mistree were re-appointed auditors with a remuneration of Rs. 50. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

A REMARKABLE object-lesson in bureaucratic tyranny disturbed the first general meeting of the German "Society for Social Reform," which was held at Cologne, under the presidency of a late Minister of State, Herr von Berlepsch. The President, in his opening address, was obliged to inform his audience that the Chief of the Cologne Police had prohibited Frau Simon, of Berlin, from reading her promised paper. The reason given for this interference was "That ladies are forbidden to speak at political meetings." The new society, however, professes to be non-political. The subject of Frau Simon's paper was "The reduction of the hours of work for female workers, and increased protection for boy and girl workers." The paper was read by Professor Franke, and Dr. Pieper, of Munchen-Gladbach, replied to Frau Simon's arguments. The lady herself, however, was not allowed to answer his objections.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

SECOND EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.

The result of the second examination in Medicine was declared yesterday afternoon at the Bombay University. Out of the 180 candidates who had presented themselves for the examination 81 were declared to have stood the test successfully: 6 in the first class, and 75 in the second class. Miss Avanbai Byramjee Patel, a successful candidate in the first class has been awarded the Sir James Fergusson scholarship in medicine. The following are the names of the successful candidates:—

FIRST CLASS (IN ORDER OF MERIT).

Deshmukh, G Vinayak
Amin, S Motibhai
Khambatta, S Maneckji
Nadgir, Y Govind
Gokhale, V Balvant
Patel, Avanbai B

II. CLASS.

Anklesaria, M Ebanjisha
Anklesaria, M Tehmuras
Antia, M Jamsedji
Basara, J Cawasji
Banatwala, B Rustomji
Bhagwat, S Ramchandra
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DeMirands, P Joaquim
Desai, V Narayan
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Dumasia, D Cooverji
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Fonseca, Alvito B da
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Ghaisas, N Keshav
Irani, A sheriar
Joz, S Chintaman
Joglekar, A Madhaw
Joshi, R Bhicaji
Khambatta, Shirin H
Kias, S Dinshawji
Kolaporewala, P Jamshedji
Kothare, R Shamrao
Lad, A Bhagwant
Lakhey, B Balkrishna
Limbowalla, D Jamshedji
Malbari, D Pestonji
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Meherji, E Perozshaw
Mehta, D Manecksji
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Minocher-Homji, D Hormusji
Modak, N Vaman
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Monani, G Karimbhoy
Mullen, A Hilda
Nanavati, K Balabhai
Nolan, Ruby O'Florence
Oozhawala, N Framji
Parakh, F Ruttons haw
Paranjpe, V Balkrishna
Patel, N Baberobai
Patwardhan, K Ganesh
Ranade, N Ganesh
Sampson, Joseph
Shouchs, W Laxman
Somji, R Mirally
Sonaji, S Ramchandra
Talwarkar, G Ramchandra
Tembe, B Mahadeo
Thakar, H Pragji
Trivedi, S Vithalji
Vajifdar, F Maneckji
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RUSSIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

THE statements of the frontier correspondent of our Allahabad contemporary coincide with those made by our own, some time since, as to the prevalent unrest across the border. It is not due to any internal disturbance, but is directly traceable to the agitation started some months ago by the Russian press, with the view of securing a total or partial abrogation of the Anglo-Russian agreement of 1873. Prevalent feeling is described by the correspondent referred to as an awakening of the people to the possibility of some forward movement of the Russians. Neither correspondent, nor the travellers, tribesmen, or others, he has met and conversed with pretend to the ability to state specifically where, when, or how it is to occur; but the idea is common not only among traders from Persia and Afghanistan, but also among residents in British territory along the frontier. We learnt some time ago that Russia had given notice of her intention to endeavour to establish more direct communications with Afghanistan, and from our telegrams this morning it will be found that in the House of Commons on Monday evening a question was put to the Secretary of State for India on the subject of that proposal. Lord George Hamilton, in his reply, stated that the Amir had received a communication from Russia "proposing the establishment of direct relations between Russia and Afghanistan regarding frontier matters." The Amir has informed the India Office that the proposed relations are to be non-political, Russia maintaining his former attitude and continuing to consider Afghanistan outside her sphere of influence. In themselves the proposals seem harmless enough, but so has every other scheme of Russian inception, and we are glad to find that neither the Government of India, nor the British Government has accepted Russian assurances with undue haste. Further information has been asked for. The frontier has already been delimited, and if Afghanistan is to remain without the sphere of Russian influence, where is the necessity or desirability for more direct relations than already exist? Great Britain's inability to accept Russian assurances has been intimated in fairly plain terms. As summarised by Reuter that reply states that in view of the understanding excluding Afghanistan from the sphere of Russian influence it is impossible to consider a change of existing arrangements or submit proposals to the Amir without more precise explanation of the method proposed for the exchange of such communications and their limitations and the means of ensuring the observance of these limitations.

To this communication no reply has yet been received by the British Government nor presumably by the Government of India. The Amir is, doubtless, inclined to reject any advances the Bear may make towards him. But at the present moment he is not quite sure how he stands in the estimation of his Excellency the Governor-General in Council. He has made purchases of arms and other munitions of war from German manufacturers, which arms and munitions of war, when last heard of, were under detention on this side of the Afghan frontier. For as Lord George Hamilton stated in reply to Sir Seymour King, that purchase was inconsistent with the agreement existing between Great Britain and Afghanistan. We have supplied the Amir with arms and given him the means to buy others as well as to manufacture them, and there is, indisputably, reason to protest against his going elsewhere to purchase them. But the India Office has set him such a bad example in the way of placing abroad orders for commodities obtainable in England, that it ought not to occasion surprise if our friends and neighbours follow suit. We find in others things criminal which in ourselves are beyond reproach, and we can well understand the mystification of his Highness on finding he might not purchase guns, strongly recommended by the British War Office and bought by them, without let or hindrance. It is a favourable moment for Russian intrigue—or would be if the present ruler were as influential as his predecessor. But, as our contemporary's correspondent pointed out, there is now less talk of the Amir and his army than there was two or three years ago when Abdur Rahman was at the height of his power. "Rather," says he, "conversation in serais and bazaars turns on Russian designs, and how they are to be met by help from outside Afghanistan." They count on British support, and notwithstanding the incident of the German guns we are assured that popular feeling just now is all in favour of the British Government.

The great devourer, the absolving monster the perfidious disturber of the peace of the world—a few complimentary Afghan synonyms for the Bear—has no legitimate excuse or reasonable pretext for approaching the Afghan border. She can gain nothing by establishing non-political relations with Kabul—a fact which is fully recognised by the bulk of the Amir's subjects. Abdur Rahman, in the greatest legacy he left his successor, wrote: "The Amir spends all this money (eighteen lakhs per annum, the British subsidy) and more even, in buying arms and war materials from England to be used for the protection of the Indian frontier line. The Amir has refrained from claiming certain places as well as from communicating with various foreign powers, without the knowledge of the Indian Government and until he has communicated with them. He has also refrained from joining with any of the enemies of India, feeling himself bound by every sacred bond of faith and by his promise." It is not to be supposed that the enmity of Afghan towards us has entirely disappeared, but the aim of the late Amir's policy was to produce that result. He warned them that the Russian habit of forward movements resembled that of the elephant which examines a spot thoroughly before he places his foot upon it, and when once he puts his weight there, there is no going back and no taking another step in a hurry until he has put his full weight on the first foot and has smashed everything that lies under it. The lesson of which was that Russia was stepping gradually towards India, and once her foot touches Afghanistan she will crush it. Furthermore his Highness impressed upon his subjects the fact that he had promised the English Government not to communicate with any foreign Government without their knowledge and advice, in return for a promise that the English would protect his country against any foreign aggressor. "This is my promise to the British Government and my having broken off all connection with the Russian Government, who looked upon me as being under an obligation to them—for having eaten their salt for so many years, and as having given me notice and permission to come to Afghanistan—ended in my taking the throne of Kabul." Abdur Rahman left very clear instructions for the guidance of his successor and of his people; and the readiest way of removing uneasiness would be to draw attention to them in every possible way. Both ruler and people would benefit from their re-perusal at the present juncture.

SIR POWER PALMER.

THE Viceroy's tribute to Sir Power Palmer at the farewell banquet given by Lord and Lady Curzon to the retiring Commander-in-Chief and Lady Palmer was a graceful acknowledgment of the qualities which have distinguished Sir Power throughout his successful career. As a "dashing subaltern" he served throughout the Indian Mutiny with a distinction which marked him out for future honours. He raised a regiment of Sikhs for service in Oudh in March 1858, and subsequently joining Hudson's Horse at Lucknow he was present at the action of Nawabgunga, where his horse was killed under him. He took part in other affairs of the Oudh campaign until its close on the Nepaul Frontier, where he was wounded. Thereafter he was in command of a squadron for several months, frequently engaging the enemy. At the close he was mentioned in despatches and received the medal. The North-West Frontier Campaign of 1863-64 again provided him with opportunity of active service, and he was present in the engagement at Snabkudder. In Abyssinia in 1868 he served as Adjutant of the 10th Bengal Lancers, and his services were brought to the notice of Government by Lord Napier of Magdala. The Duphla Expedition on the North-East frontier of India came in 1874-75, and Sir Power then acted as Aide-de-camp to General Stafford, and was mentioned in despatches. Looking about for further fields of action he proceeded to Sumatra, and took part in several actions in the Dutch War in Acheen during 1876-77, and received the Dutch Cross with two clasps. He next served in the Afghan War of 1878-80, and distinguished himself at the capture of the Peiwar Khotal and with the expedition into the Khost Valley. His services in this campaign gained him the brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel. In the Soudan in 1885 he commanded the 9th Bengal Cavalry with such distinction that besides being mentioned in despatches he was made a C. B., and was also decorated with the Khedive's Star. Seven years later in 1892-93 he commanded the expedition against the Chins on the North-East Frontier of India, and his success gained him his K. C. B. The Tirah Expedition in 1893-97 gave him further opportunity for distinction. In this campaign he commanded the line of communications, and afterwards was placed in command of the second division. He directed the operations at the action of Chagra Kotal, and at the close of the campaign his services were acknowledged by Government. He was marked out for the position of Commander-in-Chief, and succeeded Sir William Lockhart on the death of the latter in March, 1900. The period of his tenure has been limited by peculiar exigencies, but, as the Viceroy indicated, it has been a period of great improvement in the organization of the Indian Army. Apart from the little trouble with the Mahsud Waziris it has been undisturbed by the turmoil of an active campaign in India, and the energies of the Commander-in-Chief have thus been directed to matters of an administrative nature with the best results. At the same time it was possible for the Indian Army to play a great part in South Africa and China, and the prompt despatch of troops from these shores for service in both those campaigns stands out to the credit of Sir Power Palmer's administration. This and the fact that, on the authority of the Viceroy, the retiring Commander-in-Chief hands over his charge to his distinguished successor in a better and more efficient state than he found it, entitles him to claim that his work as head of the army in India has been marked by the success that followed him throughout the rest of his notable career.

TRADE IN THE STRAITS.

TRADE in the Straits Settlements during the year 1901 was notable for some interesting fluctuations. As a whole the year was fairly prosperous, but the large increases which had signalised the trade of the Straits in the two previous years was by no means maintained. During the year the imports were of the value of 283 million dollars, and the exports 245 million dollars, these sums representing about 27 and three-quarter million pounds and 24 million pounds, respectively. The increase on the trade of the previous year was 1 per cent in respect of imports and 2 and a quarter per cent in exports. The year's trade was, however, by no means so good as these figures would seem to imply, for expressed in sterling there was a decrease of nearly three-quarters of a million pounds in imports and exports taken together. Although the trade of the country was thus not so prosperous as has been the case previously it is very easy to discover where the falling off occurred. From the United Kingdom, for instance, piece-goods valued at 12,000,000 dols. were received, and this was equivalent to 80 per cent of the total importations, or an increase of 6 per cent. The value of the importations from the continent of Europe amounted to about 7 per cent of the whole, and decreased by about half per cent. The chief sufferers in the direction of piece goods were the cities of Bombay and Madras. Their trade decreased by about 50 per cent., a state of things which in itself is a significant indication of the trade depression which has existed here. The year was certainly not a good one for importers, although, as has been noted, the falling off in the trade done was not great. The trade in silk piece-goods increased largely, and sewing threads (of which the United Kingdom supplied 83 per cent), handkerchieves and blankets also exhibited an increase, while on the other hand imports of jute bags fell off by about a million dollars. There was also a big decrease in importations of hardware and manufactured metals generally. The United Kingdom, the Continent, and the United States suffered equally from the trade depression—a generally distributed decrease in importations of between 14 per cent. and 15 per cent. being noticed. In miscellaneous manufactures such as fireworks, earthenware, mats, paper, toys, lamps, etc., England has a comparatively small share of the trade. During the year there was an increase of 374,000 dols. in trade under this head, but this was due to an all round increase in values and not in the bulk of the trade done. European countries continue to be the main source of supply for musical instruments, and in the past Germany has enjoyed by far the greater proportion of the business done. Last year, however, British and American dealers experienced an augmentation of business, so much so indeed as almost to indicate that the tide is turning in their favour. Eighty-five per cent of the cycle business is claimed by English firms, which show an increased hold upon the market. Finally, the report lately issued shows that 15·9 per cent of the trade of the colony is done with the United Kingdom, 19·8 per cent with British Possessions, 19·2 with the Malay Peninsula, Sarawak, and French India, the last named place importing chiefly British goods. The United States, Germany, France, Holland, and Austria each claim an appreciable part of the trade done by the Straits.

Mr. GREEVEN will officiate as Deputy Secretary Legislative Department, during the absence of Mr. Carnduff on six months' leave.

A CONCESSION has been sanctioned by the Government of India, which will help the young British officer when first posted to a native cavalry regiment. It takes the form of a grant of Rs. 500 to be expended on purchase, in whatever market the Officer commanding the regiment concerned may approve, of a suitable charger for him. The horse so purchased will become the absolute property of the officer concerned, who will be required, however, to refund a portion of its cost if he leaves the regiment within three years.

THE question, which Lord George Hamilton has stated in Parliament is to be referred to arbitration, is no doubt that of the proportion to be borne by India of the cost of increased pay recently sactioned for British soldiers; also of special bounties given to British soldiers for extending their service in India during the South African War. The amount concerned is considerable, being estimated in the last Budget Statement at sixty lakhs for bounties and thirty-three lakhs for increased pay this year alone. Of this sum of roughly three-quarters of a million sterling the Budget Statement only mentions a moiety of the bounties (presumably thirty lakhs) as recoverable from the War Office, which upon the face of it is a somewhat small share for the Imperial Government to pay, considering that nearly the whole of the extra expenditure in question is more or less directly traceable to a war in which Indian interests were only indirectly concerned.

IT is understood that about 10,000 signatures have been attached to the petition that was circulated in Victoria and other States praying for the release from gaol of Lieut. G. R. Witton, formerly of the Bush Veldt Carabineers. The petition will be sent to his Majesty the King.—"Australian paper."

AN American engineer calculates that 630,000,000 tons of coal are used annually throughout the world. Of this amount 148,000,000 are burnt in the United States; Great Britain comes in second with an annual consumption of 140,000,000. Further calculations show that the coal burnt is equivalent to 1,230,000,000 horse-power, representing the labour of twenty-six millions of human beings.

ALBERT TROTT, the well-known ex-Australian cricketer, has for some years enjoyed perennial summer. During the English summer he plays for Middlesex, and when our summer is over he starts for New Zealand to fulfil his cricketing engagement in that colony, and face another summer in the southern hemisphere. This year's wintry English summer was quite a novel experience for him.

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR, M. P., is contemplating a speaking tour of the Australian and New Zealand cities for the consolidation of the United Irish League in that quarter of the world. The Dublin correspondent of an Irish-Australian paper, in announcing the fact, describes Mr. O'Connor as a "Conservative Nationalist in many respects, being less hostile to English institutions and to British Imperialism than the majority of the other leaders of the Irish party."

ACCORDING to a correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian," who gives some interesting side lights on the London cabby, if legal fares only were invariably paid, the average cabby could hardly live. This is a plausible enough explanation of the rapacity of the Metropolitan cabby; but as cabbies in Manchester and other large provincial centres are quite as difficult to satisfy in the matter of payment as the London Jehu, it would seem to lead to the conclusion that the cab-owner is the real man who holds the whip.

A SPANISH paper has made a quite moving discovery. The opinion is general in London, we are told, that King Edward VII was never crowned. "According to this opinion," it says, "the King was in too extreme a condition to be able to undergo the strain of so complicated a ceremony; but as, for reasons of state, the coronation could not be postponed any longer, and the doctors feared that the King would succumb any moment, which would have aggravated the situation, recourse was had to the only means which offered—which was to substitute the person of another for the King. Fortunately there lived in Whitechapel a man—a beggar by profession—who bore a marvellous resemblance to his Majesty. By an offer of £3,000 he was induced to personate the King and to keep absolute silence; and it was this individual who, in the royal purple, figured in the Westminster ceremony, and was presented to the eyes of the world as the real King of England and Emperor of India."

AN EMPEROR AND HIS ANCESTOR

A MEMORY OF THE KOREAN COURT.

BY ANGUS HAMILTON.

THE reported death of the Emperor of Korea reminds me of a pageant I witnessed not long ago, in which his Imperial Majesty took part. It was a procession from the Imperial Palace, which adjoins the British Legation, to the newly-erected Temple of Ancestors.

The festival was in no way public; yet, for the pleasure of leaving the Palace by its south gate and entering again by the eastern gate, traversing, in all the pomp of mediæval attire and motley splendour of the Middle Ages, a little under 800yds., the cost exceeded £2,000. No warning of the Imperial plans was given to his subjects. Just previous to the time of his departure the Emperor expressed the hope that the British Minister and myself would be interested in the procession, inviting us to watch the spectacle from the grounds of the Legation.

Information of the movements of the Court was, however, bruited abroad. Large crowds gathered around the precincts of the Palace and the Temple, attracted by the efforts which the soldiers were making to enclose the scene within a cordon of troops.

Despite the fact that the route of the procession lay between the high walls of a private passage, some twenty-five feet wide, leading from the offices of the Customs to the grounds of the Legation, into which a postern gate gives access from the Palace, and through which no Korean is ever permitted to pass, soldiers one pace apart faced one another upon opposite sides of the road. The public, of course, seeing nothing of the ceremony, gathered such consolation as was possible from the spectacle of the masses of infantry who occupied the Palace square.

It is, however, the proud privilege of the Koreans, writes Mr. Angus Hamilton in the "Daily Express" to pay for these seasonable promenades of the Court. If they did not see the august countenance of Tai Han upon this occasion, it is to be hoped that they derived some benefit for the heavy taxation with which they are burdened from the brave sight which was made by the brand new uniforms of the troops. The plumes, gold lace, and swords of the officers, and the rifles and bayonets of the men would have fascinated any crowd.

HOMAGE TO ANCESTORS.

The Emperor was passing in this festive and Imperial state in order to pay homage to the tablets of his ancestors upon the occasion of their transference to a new abode. The gorgeousness and glory of the pageant burst upon the colourless monotony of the capital with all the violent splendour and vivid beauty of an Arabian sunset.

It is right and proper that the magnificence of the celebration should be unrestricted. The importance of the occasion is without parallel in the festivals of the year. The momentary brilliancy of the picture which centres round their usually secluded Sovereign at such a moment is arranged in glorification of a dynasty which has already occupied the throne of Korea for more than five centuries.

The procession moved from the Palace about 10 a.m., revealing, in the initial phase of its development, the elements of a spectacle strangely suggestive of burlesque, romance and the humours of a pantomime. Korean infantry in blue uniforms headed the order of the advance from the Palace, their modern dress and smart accoutrements comprising the one link between the Middle Ages and the twentieth century, to which the function could lay claim. After them running, stumbling, and chattering with noisy voices, there passed a mob of Palace attendants in fantastic hats and costumes of various degrees and great brilliancy, long silken robes of blue, green, yellow, red, and orange, carrying staves bound with embroidered streamers of coloured ribbons.

A STRANGE CROWD.

A line of banner-men followed, bearing red silken flags with blue characters, also hurrying and stumbling forward; then passed a file of pipes and drums, the men in yellow robes with the shimmer of gold about them, streamers depending from their pipes, ribbons decking their drums. Men bearing arrows in leather frames, carrying aloft flags of green, red, and yellow, were next. Soldiers of ancient costume, wonderful and woeful to behold, men with bells and jingling cymbals, pipes, and fans; Palace eunuchs in Court dress; detachments of cavalry, dismounted—their horses not appearing, but their riders rigged in voluminous shirts, their hats covered with feathers and wearing high boots, similar to those worn by the wicked uncle in "Babes in the Wood," swept along, everyone amiable and foolish in aspect.

The procession, preliminary to the passing of the Emperor, was almost unending. At every moment the sea of colour broke into waves of every imaginable hue, as one motley crowd of retainers, servants, musicians, and officials gave place to another of different costumes and appearance. Important and imposing officials in high-crowned hats adorned with crimson tassels, and festooned with bunches of feathers fastened by a string of amber beads round the throat, were pushed along silent and helpless. Their dresses were glaring combinations of red and blue and orange; they were supported by men in green gaze coats and followed by other signal marks of Korean grandeur, more banners and bannermen, flags decorated with feather, servants carrying boxes of refreshments, small tables, pipes, and fire.

ENTER THE EMPEROR.

Then a final frantic beating of drums, a horrid jangling of bells, a fearful screaming of pipes, a riot of imperious discord mingled with the voices of the officials shouting orders, the curses of the eunuchs and the van of the Imperial cortege appeared in a blaze of streaming yellow light, amid a sudden silence, in which one could hear the heart beats of one's neighbour. The noise of the voices died away; the scraping of hurried footsteps alone was audible as the Imperial chair of state canopied with yellow silk, richly tasselled, and screened with delicate silken panels of the same colour, and bearing wings to keep off the sun, was rushed swiftly and smoothly forward.

It was borne aloft upon the shoulders of thirty two Imperial runners, clad in yellow, with double mitres upon their heads and bearing the sacred and august person of his Imperial Majesty the Emperor to his place of sacrifice and worship in his Temple of Ancestors.

The business of the day had now arrived. Presently the progress of the Emperor stopped, and he alighted at the entrance of a tent of yellow silk, which had been erected at the angle of the Palace and Legation walls, within the shade of trees from the Legation garden.

The Emperor and the Crown Prince passed within the tent, changing from the Imperial yellow and crimson robes of state, in which they had first appeared, into the sacrificial yellow silk, emerging a little later to make obeisance before the passing of the tablets of their ancestors. The character of the procession now changed. Soldiers and courtiers, nobles and dignitaries of the Court gave place to priests clothed in the yellow robes of sacrifice, and chanting in solemn tones the words of benediction. The screaming of pipes took on fresh vigour rising and falling in shrill vehemence until the fair vibrated with conflicting discords.

Men, solemn of visage, their yellow skirts swaying with the frenzy of their movements, swept past the throne, a surge of song rising to their lips in the passionate despair and lamentation which (should have) filled their souls. They disappeared, a mocking echo haunting their retreating footsteps. Again the music of the priests broke forth in noisy triumph, heralding the presence of the ancestral tablets, which, twelve in number, each carried by eight men in chairs of sacrificial yellow, demanded the homage of the expectant pair.

THE SACRED TABLETS.

One came slowly moving in a burst of solemn song. The Emperor, his son the Crown Prince, and the baby Prince, the offspring of Lady Om, dropped to the earth. Momentarily they rested upon their bended knees, as, with crossed hands, in a reverent attitude and pious mien, their own proud heads sank to the dust before the gilded burdens in the sacred chairs. Twelve times they passed before the Imperial group; twelve times each humbled himself, the circle of supporting nobles and attendant eunuchs the while assisting them.

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TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE FIGHTING IN SOMALILAND.

AUSTRIAN EX-OFFICER WITH THE MULLAH.

STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

THE BRITISH FORCE IN A TIGHT PLACE.

SHORT OF PROVISIONS, AMMUNITIONS, AND WATER.

DESPATCH OF INDIAN TROOPS.

LONDON, OCTOBER 20.

Major Swayne's despatch mentions that the Mullah is in communication with a certain Austrian ex-officer named Karl Inger.

Lord Cranborne stated that the Government deeply regretted the lamentable loss of life in Somaliland and the possible consequences of Major Swayne's retirement. The Government has, however, every confidence in Major Swayne.

General Manning has arrived at Aden. An Indian battalion has been placed at his disposal. The remainder of the Reserve Battalion of the Protectorate Force has been ordered from Central Africa. If these troops are not sufficient more will be supplied.

It is possible that a large and more difficult campaign is in prospect than was anticipated.

LONDON, OCTOBER 21.

A sensation has been caused by the publication of letters from a member of Major Swayne's force, received anterior to the latest despatches, stating that the force had had numerous fights and lost most of their camels. They were short of ammunition, provision, and water. The expedition altogether was in a tight place, and the native levies were funkings that the Mullah had captured two Maxim guns on the 12th September.

Four hundred and sixty of the 1st Bombay Grenadiers now at Aden have been ordered to Somaliland.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCTOBER 21.

The 2nd Bombay Grenadiers from Mhow proceed Aden immediately in the Indian Marine steamer Hardinge in connection with the affairs in Somaliland.

LATER.

The 2nd Bombay Grenadiers leave Mhow to-day en route for Aden.

Six officers and four hundred men of the 23rd Bombay Infantry have been warned to hold themselves in readiness to accompany the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers if required; while six extra officers for the 1st Bombay Grenadiers go to Aden in the Indian Marine steamer Hardinge. The 2nd Bombay Grenadiers will have twelve officers. The Hardinge sails to-morrow.

Lieutenant-Colonel Phillips, who has been killed, was a Royal Engineer, whose services were particularly asked for.

Information gathered in Bombay is to the effect that the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, now stationed at Mhow, have been ordered to proceed to Somaliland to reinforce Colonel Swayne who is conducting the operations against the Mad Mullah. The regimenet will be despatched thither by the Royal Indian Marine steamer Hardinge to-morrow.

The 2nd (Prince of Wales' Own) Bombay Grenadiers was raised in 1796, and has seen active service in Egypt, at Kirkee, at Korgaon, and in Abyssinia. Until April last the headquarters of the regiment were at Bombay, but since that time they have been stationed at Mhow, and the regimental centre is Deesa. The Commanding Officer of the regiment is Lieut.-Col. G. Q. Mitchell, who was appointed to the regiment on the 6th April, 1901, with Major H. S. Hazelgrove as Second-in-Command. The other officers of the corps are Major D. Baker, who recently proceeded to England with the Indian Coronation Contingent, Major A. A. M. M. Faulker, Capt. D. G. Peart, Capt. F. L. Lloyd Jones, Capt. J. H. Lloyd, Capt. A. C. Edwardes, Lieut. E. G. S. Trotter, Lieut. G. H. Davis, and Lieut. R. J. C. Burke. Capt. C. McPherson, M. B., I.M.S., will, no doubt, accompany the regiment as Medical Officer, and 2nd-Lieut. J. P. May and 2nd-Lieut. B. I. H. Adler are also attached to the Corps. Capt. S. M. Edwardes, D. S. O., who commands a double company with the regiment, is on leave in England on private affairs. The regiment has the reputation of being one of the best in Bombay, and whenever occasion has arisen it has always comported itself with credit.

The 2nd Bombay Grenadiers will be brought to Bombay in two special troop trains from Mhow, arriving at the Sassoon Dock, from whence the troops will be embarked on board the Hardinge. The strength of the regiment is 12 British Officers 18 Native Officers, 721 Non-Commissioned Officers and men, 59 public and 18 private followers. The regiment also takes 13 chargers, 8 mules, 1 pony, and 200 boxes of ammunition.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

RUSSIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, OCTOBER 20.

Lord George Hamilton, replying to questions by Sir H. Seymour King, said that Abdur Rahman's purchase of guns and munitions in Germany was not inconsistent with the agreement with the British Government. The latter has received a communication from Russia proposing the establishment of direct relations between Russia and Afghanistan regarding frontier matters. The relations are to be unpolitical, Russia maintaining her former engagements and continuing to consider Afghanistan as outside her sphere of influence.

Great Britain has replied that in view of the understanding excluding Afghanistan from the sphere of Russian influence it is impossible to consider a change of existing arrangements or submit proposals to the Amir without more precise explanation of the method proposed for the exchange of such communications between frontier officials.

No answer has yet been received.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

THE EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI.

PROTEST BY SIR E. SATOW.

THE MURDER OF MISSIONARIES.

LONDON, OCTOBER 21.

Sir E. Satow, who refused to attend the Imperial Reception owing to the fact that the officials responsible for the murder of the British Missionaries in Hunan were allowed to remain unpunished, is also protesting against the German stipulations regarding the evacuation of Shanghai which Prince Ching accepted without consulting the other Powers.

The "Standard" states that four British gunboats have been ordered to Hankow in connection with the murder of the Missionaries.

Reuters' correspondent, wiring from Shanghai, states that the Britomart, the Phœnix, the Rosario, and the Matine have gone to Hankow, and that Admiral Bridge will probably follow.

LORD KITCHENER.

Lord Kitchener left Paris yesterday evening.

THE KING'S PROGRESS THROUGH LONDON.

It has been officially announced that the 25th instant will be a bank holiday in London.

THE CIVIL WAR IN VENEZUELA.

THE DRAWN BATTLE.

The American Minister telegraphs that neither side gained advantage at La Victoria.

OPIUM IN CEYLON.

INCREASE OF IMPORTS.

Mr. Chamberlain has promised to ask Sir West Ridgway to enquire into the causes of the increase in the imports of opium into Ceylon.

BRITISH TROOPS IN INDIA.

THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

LONDON, OCTOBER 20.

Lord George Hamilton stated in the House that the correspondence regarding the conditions of service of British troops in India is incomplete, but that he expects shortly to receive the final views of the Indian Government. As the War and the India Offices are unable to agree as to the apportionment of the increased charges, the matter will be referred to arbitration.

THE INDIA COUNCIL.

NEW MEMBERS.

LONDON, OCTOBER 20.

The papers print laudatory notices regarding Sir A. Macdonnell and Sir W. Lee Warner on their appointment to the India Council.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, OCTOBER 21.

Sir Antony Macdonnell has been appointed and Sir William Lee Warner re-appointed to the India Council.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, OCTOBER 21.

Captain D. R. Poulter, R. A., Ordnance Department, is deputed home for training.

Instructions have been issued for taking in hand the construction of the quarters to be built for lady nurses at Bareilly, Belgaum, and Karachi.

Arrangements have been sanctioned to make Kashmiri ponies available, in case of mobilisation, for expanding the mule cadres and forming a pack corps. The scheme provides for the selection and branding in peace time by a special transport officer in Kashmir of suitable ponies, an arrangement to be at the same time made with the owners to sell outright at a fixed price whenever required. These branded ponies can then be collected and marched, to Rawalpindi where they will be embodied into the corps and equipped.

BOMBAY ARRIVALS, OCTOBER 21.—Black, Brig-Genl, Bo, on leave from Ahmedabad.

Dunsterville, Lt-Col, Punj, R. A., on transfer from Poona.

DEPARTURES, OCTOBER 21.—Knapp, Lt, Beng, I. M. S., on duty to Delhi.

Kernhardt, Lt, Beng, I. M. S., on duty to Delhi.

Dunsterville, Lt-Col, Punj. R. A., on transfer to Rawulpindi.

Trevor, Lt-Col, M. S., R. A. M. C., on duty to Rangoon.

Black, Brig-Genl, Bo, off leave to Deesa.

Paymaster, Lt, Bo, I. M. S., on duty to Ahmedabad.

Sutton, Lt, Bo. I. M. S., on duty to Karachi.

Gill, Lt., Bo, I. M. S., on duty to Quetta.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

OCTOBER 21.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez perfect.
AMERICA—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
CHINA—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect Via Bhamo, perfect.
AFRICA—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.
Communication with Bangkok via Madras faulty messages liable to much delay.
Amoor route right.
Moulmein route to Siam right.
Cable Puerto Plata Martinique interrupted.
Cable Guantanamo Mole St Nicolas interrupted.
Cable Cayenne Pinheiros interrupted.
Cables Dominique Martinique, St. Lucia Martinique Guadaloupe Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, interrupted.
Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers.
Cable communication with Martinique is open via Lisbon and Cadiz.
Telegrams can only be accepted at sender's risk.
Code Addresses should not be used.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24th hours ending at 8 p. m. of the 21st October 1902.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	...	9	.....	0	...
Teheran	21	2	21 p.m.	0	46
Suez	21	3	p.m.	0	7

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 21st October, 1902.

	Maximum Time H.	M.	minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	1	10	0	1
" Karachi	0	23	0	2
" Madras	0	41	0	6

THE DELHI DURBAR.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NIZAM.

CALCUTTA CORONATION FESTIVITIES.

APPEAL FOR FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, OCTOBER 21.

Meer Liakat Ali, Resident at Saifabad, has been here for the last few days, making arrangements for H. H. the Nizam's accommodation. His Highness has already secured a club for his personal accommodation, for that of his Prime Minister, and other officers. St. Mary's Home has been secured at a cost of Rs. 18,000. For the Nawab Khar Kharar the bungalow adjacent to Maidens Hotel has been taken for the Durbar period at Rs. 6,000. Meer Liakat Ali remains here in the interests of the Hyderabad Government. Nine special trains have been arranged for the conveyance of his Highness' suite. Six State elephants will also be sent. One thousand camels have to-day been added to the Supply and Transport Service.

Visitors to Delhi will do well to make their dobbie arrangements elsewhere. Complaints have been made by the Agent for the Central Provinces that no wells exist on the allotted land of the executive committee. The camp is now practically finished, and most of the tents are occupied by the various officials.

Bazaars for the sale of native food and other supplies are urgently needed in the outlying Chiefs' camps. Kellner's have one in the Bengal Camp, Bombay, especially, needs one as do the Central Provinces. Lieutenant Thorne is in charge of the Commander-in-Chief's camp, having returned to duty after his recent illness.

SIMLA, OCTOBER 21.

The representatives to be sent to the Delhi Coronation Durbar by Nos. 1, 2, and 4 Field Batteries, Hyderabad Contingent, will consist of one native officer, one non-commissioned officer, and one soldier.

CALCUTTA, OCTOBER 21.

The subscriptions for the coronation festivities at Calcutta are still far short of the amount required. Sir Jotendro Mohun Tagore has given Rs. 5,000, and an appeal is being made to the public for more.

INDIAN TEA INDUSTRY.

THE WAREHOUSE RING.

CALCUTTA, OCTOBER 21.

The "Indian Daily News" telegram, dated London, October 20, says:—The revolt against the Warehouse Ring is spreading. Butler's wharf has withdrawn from the ring.

ALLEGED CHARGE OF MURDER.

On Sunday last, Guard Corbett, of the East Indian Railway, Asansol, struck his table servant who delayed in returning from the bazar where he was sent to make some purchases. The man fell dead. Corbett was arrested and sent to Raneegunge on a charge of murder.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMISSION.

PUBLIC MEETING AT BENARES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE VICEROY.

BENARES, OCTOBER 21.

A public meeting of the citizens of Benares, including the Hindu and Mahomedan Raises, was held to-day in the Town Hall under the presidency of the Hon. Munshi Madholal. The following resolutions were passed:—1.—That the meeting expresses grave alarm if the recommendations of the Commission were carried out, inasmuch as they will restrict the area of university education. 2—That the change in the present policy of the Government will result in disastrous consequences. 3.—That they will deprive the popular character of the university The meeting also agreed with the dissent of Justice Bannerjee, and appointed a sub-committee for drafting a memorial to be submitted to H. E. the Viceroy. Messrs. Cutting and Mukerjee, of the L. M. College, and Messrs. Bennertz and John of the Jainarain's College, moved the resolutions.

SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SIMLA, OCTOBER 21.

The business at next Friday's meeting of the Viceroy's Legislative Council will comprise the passing of the Central Provinces Sanitation Bill and the Emigration Bill, and reference to the Select Committee of the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill. This Select Committee will consist of the Hon. Messrs. Ibbetson, Raleigh, Pugh, Rampini, Whitworth, Power, Ananda Charlu, Bose, and Sri Ram Bahadur.

LORD AMPTHILL'S TOUR.

BANQUET AT TREVANDRUM.

MADRAS, OCTOBER 21.

Lavish hospitality and hearty welcome have been the characteristics of Lord and Lady Ampthill's tour in the native States of Cochin and Travancore.

At a State banquet at Trevandrum last night the Maharaja, in proposing the toasts of the distinguished guests, made a graceful allusion to the impression his Excellency has already made on the people by his able administration as Governor of Madras.

His Excellency, in acknowledging the toast, proposed the Maharaja's health, and alluded to the beauty and wealth of Travancore, and the abundant signs that under the present regime the country and people were emerging from Arcadian conservation and taking a path that lead to a greater prosperity than that with which beneficent nature had already endowed. The Governor's itinerary has been changed to include a visit to Paumben.

ARTILLERY PRACTICE CAMP.

POONA, OCTOBER 21.

The Artillery Practice Camp at Chindwara has been postponed indefinitely.

THE POONA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

The Poona Hockey Tournament will be held from 1st December next. The tournament will be played under usual conditions and the Cup will be given away to the winner. Entries close on 5th November. Mr. W. F. Maxwell has been appointed Honorary Secretary of the tournament.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE U. S. COAL STRIKE.

PRESIDENT AS MEDIATOR.

London, October 4.—The conference between the presidents of the Pennsylvania coal companies and Mr. Mitchell, the president of the Miners' Union, which was convened by President Roosevelt with the object of terminating the disastrous strike, failed to achieve the desired result. President Roosevelt emphasised the heavy responsibility which rested on the disputants in face of the crying needs of the community. He appealed to their patriotism to make individual sacrifices for the general good, and earnestly invited proposals to relieve the situation Mr. Mitchell offered to refer the dispute to a committee to be appointed by the President. The mine-owners, however, vehemently declined to recognise Mr. Mitchell of the Miners' Union, but suggested that individual grievances against individual mine-owners might be submitted to a Judge of the District Court. They also criticised the Administration for not having sent troops to protect the non-unionists.

Mr. Thomas Burt, who has represented the Northumberland miners in the House of Commons for 28 years in the labour interest, declare that the miners in Pennsylvania are the poorest and lowest-paid labourers in America. He says that some, who have been starved into submission, have latterly been resuming work in small batches.

THE RETURN OF TROOPS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

EXTRAORDINAY ACHIEVEMENT.

London, October 4th.—Since the declaration of peace 140,000 troops have been repatriated from South Africa, or at the rate of 1,000 a day. This is regarded as an extraordinary achievement.

KING LEOPOLD AND HIS DAUGHTER.

PRINCESS STEPHANIE'S POSITION.

London, October 4th.—The action of King Leopold of the Belgians in disowning his daughter, the Princess Stephanie, because she married the second time without asking her parents' consent, has distressed the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, whose son, the late Archduke Rudolph, was the Princess's first husband. The Emperor Francis has invited the Princess to visit him at Vienna.

A PAPER TRUST.

ATTEMPT TO SEIZE BRITISH TRADE.

London, October 4th—The American International Paper Combine is attempting to establish an enormous trust, including all the American and the bulk of the Canadian output, for operation in England and her colonies. Lloyd and the other big paper makers are opposing the trust in order to save the British trade from falling under American control.

THE FRENCH MINERS' STRIKE.

A MINIMUM WAGE.

London, October 4th.—Eight thousand miners at Pas-de-Calais, in northern France, have struck work as a protest against a reduction of their wages.

M. Combes, the French Premier, is opposed to the idea of a minimum wage, but he has promised the miners that bills will be introduced providing a fixed working day and old-age pensions.

ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSPORT IONIAN.

THE hired transport Ionian, under the command of Captain John Brown, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon from Durban, which port she left on the 3rd October, and called at Seychelles, on the 11th instant, where she received coal, and then left for Bombay on the 15th instant. She has brought the 3rd Hussars, 2nd Royal Highlanders, "J" Battery R. H. A., and drafts, consisting of 49 officers, 2 ladies, 7 warrant officers, 1,514 non-commissioned officers and men, 37 horses and 8 dogs. The Ionian will enter the Prince's Dock to-day. The troops will be landed this afternoon at the Princes Dock, and will be dispatched to Deolali en route to their destination, in three special troop trains. The first train with 3rd Hussars (for Sialkote), comprising 16 officers, 9 warrant officers and 486 men, and 12 horses, will leave the Dock at 5-55 p. m. arriving at Deolali at 6-15 a. m. to-morrow. The second train for Deolali, with Royal Highlanders (for Umballa) consisting of 8 officers, 7 warrant officers, 530 men, and 7 horses, will leave the Dock at 6-45 p.m. and arrive at Deolali 6-05 a. m. to-morrow. The third train conveying the remainder of Royal Highlanders, "J" Battery R. H. A. and draft N. Stafford Regiment, comprising 8 officers, 7 warrant officers, and 410 men, will leave the Dock at 7-10 p.m. arriving at Deolali at 8-40 a.m. to-morrow. Out of the 37 horses that are on board the Ionian, seven belong to General Kitchener and are in charge of a native officer and three followers. They will be despatched to Saharanpore to-day from the Victoria Terminus at 4-30 p.m., by a passenger train. The Ionian had a fine passage throughout. The following are the names of the officers:—

Lt Col St C Oswald, 3rd Hussars
Capt Tabor, 3rd Hussars.
Capt Hinderson, 3rd Hussars
Major Murray, Black Watch
Capt Laverton, Black Watch
Capt Duncan, R Scots
Lt Jackson, Scots Fusiliers
Lt F W A Wells, North Stafford
Lt Johnstone, K O S L I
Lt Baillie Hamilton, Black Watch
Lt Evans, Black Watch
Lt Robertson, Black Watch
Lt N G B Henderson, Black-Watch
Lt Littledale, R H A
Lt Studlay, Black Watch
Lt Beamish, Ceylon Vol
Vety Lt Joliffe, 3rd Hussars
Lt TyldenWright, 3rd Hussars
Lt Abadie, 9th Lancers
Lt Lloyd, 6th D Guards
Lt Gilray, 3rd Hussars
Lt Laudale, 3rd Hussars
Maj Ford, R A M C
Lt Langstaff, R A M C
Maj Lilly, R A M C
Lt Delap, R A M C
Lt Bond, R A M C
Maj Muxwell, Black Watch
Capt Murray, 3rd Hussars
Lt Laverton, 3rd Hussars
Maj Cameron, Black Watch
Lt Wickham, R A
Lt Harris, R A
Capt Vincent, R A
Lt the Hon Drummond Black Watch
Lt Gordon, Black Watch
Maj Mastersou Devons
Capt and Mrs Daws, Black-Watch
Vety Lt Gillott, A V D
Vety Lt Porteous, A V D
Lt Montgomery, 3rd Hussars
Lt Dobie, 3rd Hussars
Lt Burge, 3rd Hussars
Lt Leney, 3rd Hussars
Lt Atkinson, 3rd Hussars
Lt Coe, 3rd Hussars
Rldg Mr Hamin, 3rd Hussars
Sister Trebeck, Nursing Staff
Lt C R B Hunderson, Black-Watch
Lt Flood, Rifle Bgde

A COUNTRY CRAFT IN DISTRESS.

TOWED INTO BOMBAY.

THE Bombay and Persia S. N. Co's steamer Haidari, Captain H. F. Hill, which arrived in harbour yesterday from Jehdah, brought in tow a buggalow in distress. It seems that in latitude 16-44° north and longitude 62°34 East, six miles west of Bombay, the Haidari spoke a buggalow which was bound from Porebunder to Catchmandvi. The craft was dismasted in the cyclonic weather that she met during her voyage, and the crew had been without food and water for three days. The buggalow was brought in tow into Bombay at the request of the tindal.

It is the happy fate of Exeter Hall always to be filled. A fortnight ago it was crammed with those who had come to say farewell to 180 missionaries who are going out to Egypt, Palestine, Persia, India, Mauritius, and Japan. Of these, 124 are returning to familiar fields, three of them, bishops, but 56 are recruits, amongst whom are lady doctors and wives of missionaries still at their missions. Sir John Kennaway presided, and his felicitous speech was followed by the Rev. B. Baring-Gould reading out a kind of "Who's who" of the long list of missionaries to whom those present had come to wish God-speed. As each was mentioned, he or she stood up on the platform, and no less than seven young ladies bashfully responded to the trying announcement—"Miss ——, fiancee of Mr. ——, now labouring in ——." It gave a curiously personal note to the long roll-call, and some of the foreign bishops sitting in the front row turned in their seats to smile an indulgent encouragement at the "fiancees." One of the most interesting figures on the platform was Bishop Stuart, who went out to the mission-fields of India six years before the Mutiny, and is now leaving England again to continue his work in the land of the Shah.

PRESENTATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN MEDALS.

GARRISON PARADE IN BOMBAY.

At a full parade of European and native troops in the Bombay Garrison, held yesterday morning on the Oval, General Sir James Willcocks, commanding the Bombay District, with Lady Willcocks presented forty-five medals gained by conspicuous war service in South Africa to the men of the 2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire Light Infantry, and one medal for a similar service in China to a Native Non-commissioned Officer of the 23rd Bombay Rifles. The different regiments with their bands and colours entered the Oval at 6 o'clock, and were drawn up in a hollow square of quarter columns at twelve paces intervals. The troops that took part in the ceremonial parade were the Royal Garrison Artillery from Colaba, under the command of Captain Mayne; the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, under Major Clarke; the 23rd Bombay Rifles, under Major Delamain; and the 21st Bombay Native Infantry (Marine Battalion), under Major Carnegy. Exactly at half-past 6 o'clock General Sir James Willcocks arrived on the ground, and was received by the troops with a general salute. Colonel Eccles was Brigade-General and Major Doddington Brigade-Major. Amongst the other officers who were present were Major McWhinnie, Assistant Adjutant-General, Bombay District, and Major Hoghton and Captain Vincent, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-Generals.

General Willcocks advanced to the troops with Lady Willcocks, and the men who were to receive the medals having been marched to the front, Sir James in the course of a short speech said that Colonel Eccles had asked Lady Willcocks to hand these South African medals to a number of their comrades, and she had requested him to say how pleased and proud she was in having the honour of doing so. Many of the men who had to receive these medals had shared in such operations as the battle of Paardeberg, the relief of Kimberley, the capture of Bloemfontein, and in the pursuit of DeWet. They must remember that those medals were only to be earned perhaps once in a century, and they would of course be marked by their comrades and countrymen as long as they wore them. In the future they had not only their own reputation to keep up but also that of the most distinguished regiment to which they belonged, and whose colours were covered with some of the most famous battles of modern history. There was one other point he wished to impress upon them, and that was that because they had earned their medals they must not think they had learned all that the soldier had to learn. The General then went on to say that the work of every non-commissioned officer and private soldier in battle had a great effect on the work of the whole; the success of the day did not rest with what the general or the officers did, but on the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers as well. In conclusion General Willcocks congratulated the men on having won the medals.

Lady Willcocks then handed the medals to each man as his name was called. At the conclusion of the distribution Colonel Eccles expressed the thanks of the regiment to Lady Willcocks.

After the presentation was over, the General rode to the saluting base and took up his position near the staff over which floated the Union Jack. The troops then formed up in quarter columns and marched past the standard, the bands of the respective regiments which were massed in the centre of the ground, playing. They returned past the standard in mass of quarter columns, and then proceeded to their quarters.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of spectators, who had gathered round the enclosure.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Oriental, Captain F. N. Tillard, which is expected to arrive in Bombay on Friday next, brings the following passengers:—

Acres Mrs
Anderson Mrs J
Anderson Mr
Angus Mr and Mrs G
Angelo Capt
Anderson Mr A
Belcher Miss E
Bazalgette Mr and Mrs J
Burnett Genl
Belts Lieut A J V
Brown Mr R S
Burn Capt
Beatson Mr
Baker Mr G C
Burdy Genl
Cubitt Mrs and infant
Cavell Miss
Cresswell Mr C H
Cockerall Miss
Crossio Lieut H
Cameron Lieut J B
Chatterton Mrs
Cook Lieut
Chatterton Capt G D
Carroll Mr A J
Caines Miss
Dungworth Mr A
Dane Lieut Col A
Dougherty Lieut J L
DeLisle Maj and Mrs G de S
Forrest Mr B
French Miss Lion Miss
Forrest Lieut J
Fredsham Col
Fourner Mr C J S
Foulder Mrs O J
Froodsham Mr and Mrs
Fry Capt A B
Ferrer Mr P
Grey Mr and Mrs
Grant Mr and Mrs
Gow Miss
Ghost Mrs and child
George Miss
Grant Miss
Gordon Miss
Haythorne Mrs
Haine Mrs and child
Hamneth Miss
Harrison Miss J
Hill Mr and Mrs E G
Hunt Mr K V
Hanker Miss
Halliday Lieut H
Hirsch Lieut L
Halday Mrs
Harrison Mr A
Howell Capt A A
Heap Mr K V
Howell Mrs
Harwood Mr E H
Holland Mr T H
Ironsides Mr
Justice Lieut W A
Justice Mrs
King Miss
Kilburn Mrs A C
Lys Mr W
Lindquist Mrs
Lamert Mr and Mrs J C
Luck Capt and Mrs C A
Lawder Mr and Mrs D
Lapley Mrs
Laing Mr W
Leask Mrs
Magoiac Miss
Manning Mrs
Mitchell Mr R
McMurdo Miss
Maxwell Miss
Martin Mr H
Mayne Miss
Marshall Miss
Mackworth Lieut L W
Mansell Lieut and Mrs
Molesworth Lieut Col
Mookies Major
Molesworth Capt
Macpherson Mr R
Moore Lieut S
McBride Mr H H
Muspratt Mr
Newton Miss B M
Navom Mr and Mrs W
Norton Mr S H
O Keefe Lieut D S A
Ommaney Major and Mrs G
Owens Capt R V
Plumber Miss
Pottinger Mrs A
Puckle Miss J
Preston Mr D
Pocock Miss
Pack Lieut Col and Mrs P D
Pepe Mr and Mrs R R
Passy Col and Mrs H E
Peacock Capt G E
Quinn Miss
Roberts Mr G H
Reid Miss
Ross Mr H
Rundall Lieut
Ragg Mr W M
Ransom Mr H E
Reid Mr J H
Rothney Mr G A
Ridley Mr W
Stewart Capt F
Sonada Dr S
Shore Major O
Sharp Mr and Mrs A H
Seddon Mrs
Stranghell Miss
Selby Mr
Smith Mr and Mrs
Steel Mr J
Sheldon Mr L L
Sodhi Dr Baba
Smith Mr R
Strachey Mr and Mrs R and Infant
Sharp Miss
Turnbull Mr B
Troop Mr W
Thom Mr J
Turner Mr and Mrs L
Vaughan Lynn Mr and Mrs
Wilson Mr W
Wilson Mr J P
White Mr J H
Wynch Major F F
Woodman Miss
Yewdall Mr F

SINKING OF A PROW.

REPORTED LOSS OF LIFE.

INFORMATION has been received by the Bombay Police from the Port Office that prow Fatteh Salamat, while on her way to Bombay from Alibagh, filled with water and sank at 9 o'clock on the night of the 13th instant. Two of the crew are presumed to have been drowned, and the remaining three, who had clung to a plank, were picked up by a fishing boat, and brought down to Bombay. They had been in the water for about five hours before they were picked up. The bodies of the drowned crew have not yet been found.

Mr. Shrubb's attempt to break the four miles running record was a great attraction at the Stamford Bridge ground, and the weather did September credit. There is a common and somewhat uninstructed opinion that a cinder track is always faster than a grass track, and those of this opinion who remembered that Mr. Shrubb had run four miles in the wonderful time of 19min. 26 4-5sec. on the grass track at Redhill thought it certain that on the cinder track he would easily beat the "record." In order to beat the "record" he had merely to run a little less fast than at Redhill, for though the time at Redhill was the best ever done, it did not count as a "record" under the laws of the A.A.A. because it was done on grass. The lesson of the recent race appears to be that for a long-distance race grass is not necessarily less "fast" than cinders, and in the case of a man whose peculiarities are suited by it, may be even faster. At any rate, to the great disappointment of the crowd, Shrubb failed by 1-5 of a second to beat the "record" of 19 min. 33 4-5sec., which was made by C. C. S. Wilters. His speed of over 12 miles an hour all the way made one think (all the admitted transgressions of automobilists apart) that that rate is not a too generous allowance to fix as the maximum in all circumstances for motor-cars which are laden with effectual brakes.

ART, MUSIC, AND THE DRAMA.

THE SHEFFIELD MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

THE QUEEN AS A SNAP SHOTTER.

THE ETERNAL CITY.

LONDON, OCTOBER 3.

The Sheffield Musical Festival opened at the Albert Hall on Wednesday morning with a performance of "Elijah." In "Elijah" the principal vocalists were Madame Ella Russell, Miss Maggie Purvis, Miss Ada Crossley, Mr. Ben Davies, and Mr. Ffrangcon Davies. A magnificent rendering of Mendelssohn's oratorio was given, the chorus of over 320 singers, the principals, and orchestra all being practically faultless. Mr. Ffrangcon Davies and Miss Ada Crossley were the best of the soloists, the baritone singing with intense fervour and power. Miss Crossley was excellent throughout, and gave "O Rest in the Lord" with true art. Madame Ella Russell also sang well. Miss Eva Rich, a local soprano, who recently appeared at the Queen's Hall concerts, sang the part of the youth with distinct success, and the quartets were also well rendered by members of the chorus. The performance was a triumph for Mr. Henry Wood, the Festival conductor, and Dr. Coward, of Sheffield, who has again had the training of the chorus entrusted to him. The chorus more than maintained the great reputation they won for themselves at the Festival of 1899, and a finer rendering of the chain of Baal choruses has not before been heard here. At the close of the performance Dr. Coward and Mr. Wood received a hearty ovation from the audience and chorus. The orchestra was superb, and wonderful pianissimos were obtained. Mr. J. W. Phillips was at the organ, which has been lowered in pitch for the Festival, and renovated, at a cost of nearly a thousand pounds, by the generosity of Mr. Willoughby Firth, one of the honorary secretaries.

The morning concert on Thursday was devoted to two works by Dr. Elgar, namely, his oratorio, "The Dream of Gerontius," and his "Coronation Ode," the latter being heard publicly for the first time. In "Gerontius," which opened the concert, Mr. John Coates, Mr. Ffrangcon Davies, and Miss Muriel Foster were the principal vocalists. Dr. Elgar himself conducted, and his methods, notwithstanding their great contrast to those of Mr. Wood, were none the less effective in bringing out the remarkable beauties of the orchestral portions of the oratorio. It must be conceded that the Sheffield chorus hardly came up to their reputation in their rendering of some of the choral music of "Gerontius." They made only an indifferent beginning, and it was not until the concluding chorus of the first part that they attained their "rehearsal" form. The "demon" chorus in Part 2, however, was most satisfactorily rendered, and nothing could have been better than the fulness of tone, the precision, and the dramatic effectiveness with which this number was given. The work of the principals gave unqualified pleasure, Mr. Ffrangcon Davies affording a very fine rendering of the remarkable solo for the Angel of the Agony, while Miss Foster sang the music for Gerontius' Guardian Angel with quiet power, and Mr. Coates, in the title part, was uniformly good. The reception of the oratorio by the audience was, on the whole, cordial. In the "Coronation Ode," which was originally composed for the State performance announced at the Opera in June, but subsequently postponed owing to his Majesty's illness, Dr. Elgar was almost bound to observe the dictates of brevity and of comparative simplicity. It was intended as the first number of a long operatic performance, and barely half an hour could then be devoted to it. Nevertheless, Dr. Elgar has managed to include in it much interesting music, more especially as to the choral work. The Ode opens with a lengthy orchestral introduction, in which some of the themes subsequently used are announced, the chief theme of all being that which so majestically opens the chorus, "Crown the King with Life." In this portion of the Ode Mr. Benson, the Eton master who is now becoming well known as a librettist, has commenced each stanza in somewhat similar fashion except that the last word of the first line is in each case altered. Thus the Ode starts, "Crown the King with Life," while the next stanza is "Crown the King with Might," the next with "Peace," next with "Love," and the last with "Faith." The stanza which deals with "Peace" is a very beautiful number, the chief portion of which starts with a soprano solo, while in the 'Faith' section, the whole quartet of soloists is introduced, and in the Coda to the last stanza is employed the broad melody of the trio to the first section of Dr. Elgar's march 'Pomp and Circumstance.' This, perhaps, is the most effective number of the entire Ode.

The second section is, however, likely to be the most popular. It is entitled "Daughter of Ancient Kings," the first stanza being for the chorus unaccompanied, while in the second a very light accompaniment is used. The number really is an apostrophe to Queen Alexandra, and it is more or less a simple part song, a style which admirably suits the words:

Nothing so sweet he brings,
Nothing so fair to see,
Purest, stateliest, Daughter of ancient Kings
Mother of Kings to be.

This portion was redemanded, and had to be repeated. Another section, opening with the line "Britain, ask of thyself, and see that thy sons be strong," is a bass solo with chorus for male voices, the whole prefaced by trumpet calls and other military details in the orchestra. It is, in fact, a march movement, and it affords an effective contrast to the song to the Queen, which precedes, and the apostrophe to Music, which follows it, the principal solo portion of which, "Music, sweetest child of Heaven," was, it is understood, originally written for Madame Melba, who was to have sung it at the Covent Garden performance. This section closes with a quartet. The fifth number is a comparatively simple, though very beautiful, quartet and unaccompanied chorus set to lines beginning "Peace, Gentle Peace," while the last number of all, "Land of Hope and Glory," contains a contralto solo upon the march theme heard in "Britain, ask thyself, the last two stanzas of the "Ode" also being based upon the same tune. It will thus be seen that although comparative simplicity is aimed at yet some highly effective work is given to the Sheffield choir. Mr. Ffrangcon Davies gave a brilliant rendering of the stirring bass solo, "Britain, ask of Thyself," and an encore was demanded, but not conceded. Miss Foster, who is by no means in the best of health, sang the concluding contralto solo under obvious difficulties, but adequately contributed her share to the moving finale of the Ode. The programme likewise included the "Lohengrin" (Act III.) prelude, and Beethoven's violin concerto, of which M. Ysaye gave a magnificent reading.

Everybody knows that the Queen is the most eminent snap-shotter in the world, and that the Royal Family generally take much interest in photography. Therefore, it is not surprising to find that the King and his Consort are patrons, while the Prince and Princess of Wales are vicepatrons of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, whose forty-seventh annual exhibition has now opened. The local being the New Gallery, Regent-street. The collection is divided into three sections—technical, professional, and amateur. The former will, no doubt, be studied by the scientific few but not by the average visitor, who, however, may spare a few moments for a photograph of clouds, taken from a balloon by the Rev. John M. Bacon, and for views of lightning secured by Mr. Pau Stellbring and Mr. J. Howden Wilkie. The two latter exhibits are, of course, curious, but not picturesque, and even the cloud scene is not wonderful. It reminds one of snow mountains of diminished beauty. The most striking work, as regards both size and finish, is that of the professionals. It is well worth seeing, and yet, on the whole, there is, perhaps, more artistic merit in the contributions of amateurs. Of these, however, there is the general remark to make that, in trying to obtain "

Under the title of "Heimweh," it represents a mother and child, apparently German, standing at a small open window, the light from which contrasts finely with the comparatively dark room.

"Winter," by Mr. Thomas Wright, makes the onlooker shiver. In the "Seaweed Cart," by Mr. Wm. Rawlings, we have a picture in the truest sense of the word. The pools in the miry road reflect the light, and the sense of loneliness which one finds on a low shore away from the dwellings of men is well suggested. Similar praise may be bestowed on "When the Wind Blows," in which Mr. Albert E. Cockerell has reproduced a small stream, fringed by pollarded trees, under which sheep are grouped. In the "Sand Dunes" of Mr. Llewellyn Morgan, the very wrinkles made in the sand by the wind are clear. It would be an excellent bit of realism if one did not miss all appearance of distance in the atmosphere. That desirable quality is conspicuous in a photograph where it might least have been expected:—"A Misty Morn"—representating a view of small sailing craft. This is Mr. Wm. Clydeen's work. Mr. John Bushby's "Albatross" shows the bird flying, and is so far noteworthy. In "Marketing" by Mr. John H. Gash, we find a charming foreign scene with picturesque people and old houses, but haziness to some extent spoils it. "A Peak Landscape," by Mr. W. R. Bland, gives an excellent idea of the height, distance, and wildness, but it lacks transparency of atmosphere. The portrait of a lady, by Mr. Dudley Hoyt, would be perfect but for the common fault of gloom. It is no conventional picture, but shows an artistic subject, artistically posed and skilfully rendered. "Sea, Sky, and Smoke," by Mr. John A. Hodges, may be called a Turner in photography. There are, however, a few exhibits free from the prevailing haziness, and first among these must be mentioned the fine, large work by Mr. Joseph Appleby, entitled "A Breaker," it shows every wave curl and every patch of foam on a wide stretch of rough sea. In the same class, but on a smaller scale, are such scenes of delicate beauty, full of detail, as "Woodland Mists," by Mr. W. T. Greatbach, "Winter Morning on the River," by Mr. F. Parkinson, and "Springtime," by Mr. W. A. J. Hensler. The exhibition is to have an interesting auxiliary in a series of lantern lectures, delivered three times a week, from the 29th inst. to Nov. 3rd.

THE music which Mascagni has composed for Mr. Hall Caine's "Eternal City," presented at His Majesty's Theatre consists of, among other things, a prelude and the usual entr'actes, besides a Serenade for tenor voice, answered by the chorus and accompanied by the strings in imitation of a guitar. This, at any rate, includes all the published music, but there are also various choruses and incidentals, while use is made of such airs as the Garibaldian hymn, the Papal march, and other national or patriotic tunes. The interlude or intermezzo between the fourth and fifth acts is likely to be the most popular number. It opens very placidly with a short orchestral piece typical of night in Rome, and this is followed by a more impassioned section, which, it seems, is intended to depict the anguish of Donna Roma. Then comes daybreak, and high above the orchestra are heard the bells of the numerous churches of Rome, broken after a time by the deeper note of the great bell of St. Peter's. this intermezzo is quite in Mascagni's best style, The prelude, too, is a extremely effective piece of orchestral tone-painting, the principal theme, as the composer says himself, being intended to illustrate the frivolous gaiety of Donna Roma, who, without realising the tragic events which are to follow, goes to a religious ceremony as if she were preparing for a dance. The prelude to the fourth act is intended to contrast the brightness and vivacity of the carnival at Rome with the misery of hero and heroine. Mr. Hall Caine, in a brief preface to the music, declares that Mascagni "has heightened the motive of the play, and translated into sweet sounds the emotion of its principal character," and most people will agree with him.

Messrs. Frederic A. Stanley and A. F. Henderson's melodrama, "A Sailor's Sweetheart," produced for the first time at Feltham this week, is an assortment of very crude heroics, very transparent villainies, and very child-like humours, which seems entirely to the taste of the Putney public, and will, therefore, one may presume, please provincial audience generally. The gallery screamed with laughter whenever any of the comic characters struck each other, fell down in a sitting position, or drank spirits. They hissed and groaned persistently when the villain stole the will which the hero carried about in his belt in the middle of a West African swamp. They cheered heartily when the hero acquired sufficient strength from a glass of water to rouse himself from absolute exhaustion and vigorously to assault the villain, or when one of the comic characters gave a short lecture on the Union Jack, for which, on the programme, the authors express their indebtedness to the writer of the pamphlet, "Our National Flag." The most exciting scenes in the story take place at sea, where the heroine saves the hero's life among a number of most realistic waves, and in West Africa where a detachment of bluejackets and native carriers march through the noisome swamp. The whole thing goes with plenty of spirit, and is much appreciated. Mr. Charles Glenney, as the "breezy" hero, Miss Marie Housley as the suffering heroine, Mr E. C. Matthews as a comic sailor, with a few excellent touches of pathos, and Miss Kate Phillips as a buxom servant girl who appears in West Africa in male costume which makes her look rather like an advertisement of the "Our Boys" Clothing Company's khaki suits for youngsters, are entrusted with the chief parts, and all do full justice to the authors. Mr. J. Nelson Ramsay, as the villain, is also good.

It appears that Madame Sarah Bernhardt received during her American tour last year some novel lessons in the art of impersonation. She was in New Orleans, and having by chance come into touch with some of the French negroes who capture alligators in the Mississippi swamps, she insisted upon taking part in a chase. The writer who describes the expedition in a current number of "The Wide World Magazine," and gives a vivid picture of Madame Bernhardt snaring a monster alligator as it crept out of its hole, continues as follows about the means which were adopted to persuade the beast to make his appearance: Then came a part of the operation the actress, gifted as she is, was utterly incapable of assisting in, involving as it does a close study of the habits of the alligators and ventriloquial powers of no mean order. One of the hunters gave a low, weird snort, which sounded as if far off in the distance. In the stillness of the night and amid those dreary wastes it sounded most eerie. In a few moments there was another cry, as if nearer. Then another, and the noise was repeated until at last there came a violent roar, ending in a spluttering among the weeds at the water's edge exactly as though a huge reptile had just landed from a long swim. It was a most clever piece of mimicry. It is not stated whether Madame Bernhardt will include an imitation of an alligator coming home in her extensive repertory.

AN EMPEROR AND HIS ANCESTORS.

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It was the first appearance of baby Prince. Scarce old enough to toddle, he was of necessity aided in his devotions by the chief eunuch, who pressed him to his knees, placing a restraining hand upon his head, a guiding hand upon his shoulder. The babe followed everything with wide-open eyes of innocence, becoming tired and fidgeting before this ceremony had concluded.

From the demeanour of the Imperial pair there was lacking no sign of reverence, no evidence of devotion. The absolute sincerity of their humiliation impressed those who overlooked the scene with feelings of astonishment. The emotion of the Emperor was plainly manifest; he paled visibly, his whole being centred upon the object of his veneration.

The exercises once over, the Court singers sang, and the prettiest women swayed in the passion of a dance. Within the private apartments of the Sovereign there was feasting and merriment. His Majesty was himself again. The world which he had shown us, and in which we had been so interested, changed quickly. Looking at the disorderly scramble of the return, and noting its lack of pomp and glory with amazement, we could scarce believe that an old-time picture of unusual fervour had passed before us. Yet for a few hours we had been living within the shadows of the Middle Ages.

THE FAMINE.

BOMBAY RELIEF MEASURES.

THE memorandum of famine relief operations in the Bombay Presidency for week ending 11th October 1902. There was rain in parts of the Deccan and Karnatak, Kathiawar, Jamkhandi Miraj (Junior), Sangli and Mudhol; the fall was below an inch except in two talukas of Sangli and one of Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Poona, Bijapur, Belgaum, Kathiawar and Jamkhandi, where it ranged from one to four inches. Since the close of the week moderate rain has fallen in parts of the Deccan and Karnatak. The prices of food-grains fell generally.

A statement showing the progress of relief measures is appended. The results shows a decreas of 48,481 persons relieved, as compared with the numbers for the preceding week:—

	Preceding week.	Week under report.	Increase.	Decrease.
Workers	33,680	25,493	....	8,187
Dependants	7,629	5,771	....	4 858
Gratuitously relieved in poor-houses and villages	122,572	82,116	....	38,456
Total	161,881	113,380	....	48,481

The numbers in the several districts have varied as follows:—

Distrtc.	Relief work including dependants.	Gratuitous relief.
Ahmedabad	—3,639	—6,231
Ahmednagar	—2,222	—1,296
Bijapur	—1,387	—141
Kaira	—1,170	—890
Sholapur	—872	plus 57
Panch Mahals	—204	—29,971
Poona	—190	plus 15
Nasik	—182	—44
Belgaum	plus 12	plus 51
Surat	.....	—12
Not Total	—10,025	—38,456

One large work in Kaira, three small works in the Panch Mahals and one test work in Ahmednagar were closed.

The number of persons in receipt of relief during the preceding and present weeks in each province is shown in the following table:—

Name of Province.	Preceding week. (Revised figures.) Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.
British Provinces.			
Bombay and Sindh	41212	120607	161819
Punjab	...	880	880
Central Provinces	...	195	195
Ajmer-Merwara	2476	1540	4016
Total British Provinces	43688	123222	166910
Native States.			
Rajputana States	240	1913	2153
Central India States	...	485	485
Baroda	9003	9376	18379
Bombay Native States	10968	5518	16486
Total Native States	20211	17792	38003
Grand Total	63899	141014	204913

Name of Province.	Present Week. Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.	Increase or decrease.
British Provinces.				
Bombay and Sindh	30852	77101	107953	— 53865
Punjab	...	976	976	× 96
Central Provinces	...	195	195	....
Ajmer-Merwara	1192	1519	2711	— 1305
Total British Provinces	32044	79791	111835	— 55575
Native States.				
Rajputana States	115	1836	1951	— 202
Central India States	...	53	53	— 432
Baroda	6816	8618	15464	— 3415
Bombay Native States	3634	4695	13329	— 3157
Total Native States	15595	15202	30797	— 7206
Grand Total	47639	94993	142632	— 62,81

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the Trust, Hornby Road, Fort, the Hon. Mr. S. Rebsch, presiding. There were present General Sir James Willcocks, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr. J. Fairclough, Dr A. G. Vieyra, Mr. W. L. Harvey, Mr. Sassoon J. David, the Hon. Sir Bhalchundra Krishna, Mr. D. E. Wacha, Mr. E. Grey, the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, Mr. F. Macrae, Major Meyer, and the Secretary, Mr. W. N. Shilstone.

NAGPADA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The Board considered the offers received in auction to purchase frontages in the Nagpada Improvement scheme. In connection with the scheme the chairman read to the meeting a statement showing the total area acquired, the amount of money spent on the scheme, and the estimated cost.

After some discussion it was resolved to reject all the offers made for ninety-nine years lease and to reconsider the matter at the next meeting.

CENTRAL BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

The Board recorded a Government resolution in the General Department, dated the 3rd instant, regarding the establishment of a Central Bacteriological Laboratory at Bombay as an Institution distinct from the Plague Research Laboratory.

WODEHOUSE ROAD PLOT.

The Board resumed consideration of the plans and specifications of the buildings to be erected by Mr. J. N. Tata on the stable site on the Wodehouse Road plot.

It was resolved to approve the stable plans with the exception of those of the upper storey for the coach house, which Mr. Tata should be asked to revise.

After transacting some other business, the Board adjourned.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

BY THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL COMMANDING THE FORCES, BOMBAY.

Office of the Deputy Adjutant-General, Bombay Command, Poona, 17th October 1902.

With the approval of H E the Comdr in Chief in Indi the Lieut Genl Commanding the Forces is pleased to mak the following appointment:—20th Bombay Infantry—Lieu W B Hore 1st Batta west Yorkshire Regt a Candidate for the Indian Staff Corps to be Offg Double Coy Officer dated 2nd Oct 1902.

The Lieut Genl Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments:—

4th Bombay Rifles—Capt A B Sangster 4th Double Coy Commander to be 3rd Double Coy Commander vice Major W C Walton transferred to 25th Bombay Rifles dated 14th Aug 1902.

Capt C A W Ford Double Coy Officer to be 4th Double Coy Commander vice Capt A B Sangster and to remain seconded whilst employed with the Supply and Transport Corps dated 14th Aug 1902.

The following appointment has been ordered:—Capt L C L Oldfield from 22nd Battery R F A to Adjt 5th Lancashire R G A Volunteers.

The undermentioned Officer posted to the Bombay Command will on arrival in India be attached as supernumerary to the Battalion specified with a view to qualify for appointment to the Indian Staff Corps:—Lieut R V Hunt 2nd Battn Leicestershire Regt to 2nd Battn Connaught Rangers; and 2nd Lieut G E Wannell 18th Hussars to 2nd Battn Oxfordshire L I.

Capts N A H Budd and F S Widdicombe will now rejoin the 16th and 17th Bo Infy respectively as 2nd Double Coy Commanders.

The undermentioned Officers and Non Commissioned Officer have passed examinations in languages as follow:—

Pusht—Lower Standard—Lieut E C Kensington 21st Bo Infy and Store Sergt T Wilson Ordnance Dept.

Sindhi—Higher Standard—Capt M M Lowsley Royal Army Medical Corps.

The undermentioned Officers have leave of absence:—

Royal Field Artillery—Lieutenant B A B Butler 41st Battery out of India for six months on medical certificate

Oxfordshire Light Infantry (2nd Battalion)—Major R G H Hughes out of India for six months on medical certificate.

2nd Lieutenant M H R Wingfield out of India to 29th October 1902 (or or about which date he is to be prepared to embark for India to rejoin his Battalion) granted by the war Office in extension of the leave sanctioned in Bombay Command Order No 347 of 1902.

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers, Wholesale depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

RUSSIA ON THE BALUCHISTAN FRONTIER.

A CORRESPONDENT, who has had opportunities of meeting travellers, tribesmen and others on the Baluchistan frontiers, writes that during the past summer there has been an awakening of the people to the possibility of some forward movement of the Russians, though they cannot specifically state where or how it is to occur. The idea is common, not only among traders from Persia and Afghanistan, but also among residents in British territory. One form which their fears take—for there is vague apprehension felt wherever Russia comes into the question—is that if strife and dissension occur in Afghanistan, there may be armed interference in the Herat direction. Another is that the Russians have over-reached themselves in their efforts to obtain complete control in Khorasan and Eastern Persia, and that they may have to do "something" in order to counteract British influence in Seistan created since the opening of the Nushki trade route. Popular feeling seems, all in favour of the British Government just now, and a strong policy in Eastern Persia, such as Lord Curzon is known to favour, would, it is said, be universally acceptable. The Seistanis and border Baluchis would welcome it; while in Southern and Western Afghanistan anything which would lighten the shadow of Russian aggression cast from Merv and Kushk would be hailed with satisfaction. The reality of the military power of Russia on the north-west frontier of the Amir's dominions has impressed itself thoroughly both upon Heratis and Kandaharis: it is not realised so much at Kabul, as being further removed from the border. During Abdur Rahman's lifetime the mass of the Afghans looked to him to defend them from aggression from the north: now, with a change of rulers and with intrigue rife in Kabul, the leading men turn their thoughts to the help that would be forthcoming from India in case of war. They understand the position more than we usually give them credit for, and there is none of that fanatical spirit of unrest among them which breeds such trouble in the tribal country lying on our own frontier from the Gomal northwards. It is noticeable, according to our correspondent, that now there is less talk of the Amir and his Army than two or three years ago, when Abdur Rahman was at the height of his power. Rather the conversation in sarais and bazars turns on Russian designs and how they are to be met by help from outside Afghanistan. Mashad is a great place of pilgrimage, as well as an important trading centre; and the outward and visible signs of Russian influences there have become generally known in the Western and Southern Afghan provinces and throughout Baluchistan. The interference of Russian Consular agents in customs matters, nominally in the hands of Belgian officials, on the Eastern frontier of Persia, has also had its effect: this impression is that Russia is bent upon working her way southwards—a view shared, by the way by our own military strategists. The set-off to all this is the growing confidence in the intentions of the British Government, strengthened by such action as the stationing of officer's at Kerman and Nasirabad, the steady improvement of the desert route, and the commencement of the railway from Quetta to Nushki—or to Persia as local rumour has it. In actual British territory the goodwill of the people was never more manifest. The cessation of fanatical outrages is very remarkable, and it should be remembered that long-continued drought with scarcity of food-supplies has sorely tried the tribesmen on both sides of the border. Perhaps the lakh of rupees given to help the villagers in Pishin has done something more than merely save them from starvation: it may have aroused some feeling of loyalty in their midst. The position, as a whole, from Askabad and Kushk southwards through Persia and Afghanistan to the British frontier, is a most interesting one at the present moment, and it is not surprising that Persians, Afghans, Baluchis, and our own subjects should be on the alert for the next development. They know nothing of diplomacy, and little about international arrangements; but they are certainly aware to possible dangers which can come only from one quarter. It would be unwise to ignore these feelings; rather would it seem to be polite to encourage them in their healthy ideas as to the protection that will be forthcoming in case of aggression.—"Pioneer."

LEGISLATING FOR THE MOTOR-CAR

MR. J. SCOTT MONTAGU'S "MOTOR BILL."

WHAT form the anxiously awaited new legislation should take is being widely discussed; and two of the main points with which it is likely to deal—the legal maximum of speed, and the registration of motor-cars—are the subject of much controversy. On the question of the speed-limit Mr Leopold de Rothschild suggests that the Local Government Board call in some reliable members of the Automobile Club to help them to frame a Bill that would solve the motor problem. But the first attempt to solve the problem is to come from private member.

"A Bill to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and to amend the 'Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896,' will," Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, in the "National Review," states, "shortly come before the House of Commons. It is known as the Motor Bill, and is practically the work of my friend Mr. John Scott Montagu, M.P., who is supported by politicians of such diverse schools of thought as Sir Edgar Vincent, Mr. Arthur Stanley, Mr. Henry Norman, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. E. J. Tennant, Mr. C. J. Murray, and Mr. Leicester Harmsworth." The Bill, which, with one or two small amendments that have been approved by the Automobile Club, Mr. Harmsworth quotes, provides that motor-cars shall be numbered, and their ownership registered, at a charge of five shillings for each vehicle; establishes the right of appeal to the King's Bench by any person proceeded against for breach of any by-law or regulation made under this or the Act of 1896, or of any provision of such Acts; and defines a "vehicle" as "any vehicle referred to as light locomotives in the Act of 1896, as well as any vehicle propelled by mechanical power if it is designed to carry its load, a total moving weight of fourteen tons, or when used for the purpose of drawing one vehicle does not exceed a joint total moving weight of twenty tons."

This Bill would give motorists unlimited speed on the high road, and is, Mr. Harmsworth admits, a much more favourable Act than will ever be passed. A point to which all motor-car owners and drivers attach the greatest importance is the right of appeal to a judge of the King's Bench Division of the High Court of justice. "Some such relief from the action of magistrates is," he adds, "absolutely essential, if we desire to hold our share of the industry. The decisions of magistrates (I except police-court magistrates) are so biased that it is impossible to obtain justice. Not a few chairmen have prefaced their hearing of a motor-car case by stating that it is their desire to remove these public nuisances' from the road. Many magistrates practically decline to listen to evidence. Hardly any of them have done their duty by spending an hour in mastering, at least, the rudiments of motor-car construction and control. Between the reckless motorcar driver and the reckless magistrate, our legislators have a most difficult course to steer in devising an equable system for the control of a form of locomotion which will bring, I do not hesitate to prophesy, a far greater revolution in the methods of transport than the railway or electric tramway."

MARCONI'S GREATEST TRIUMPH?

REPORTED TRANSATLANTIC MESSAGE.

A DESPATCH from Sydney, Cape Breton, says a complete wireless message was received on October 1st, at the Marconi station at Tablehead from the Marconi station in Cornwall, Mr. Vivian, the engineer in charge of the station, declines either to deny or verify the statement. If this report be a true one, it would seem that the success predicted for the Marconi system on the announcement of the transmission of a signal letter from Cornwall to Nova Scotia is on the point of immediate achievement. Inquiries by a "Westminster" representative at the London office of the Marconi Companies failed to elicit any particulars concerning the report, as to its accuracy or otherwise. The manager stated that he was not at present prepared to say anything upon the subject, but later on would probably communicate to the Press.

Meanwhile, it may be interesting to note that a gentleman acquainted with the conditions and incidents of wireless telegraphy suggested to a London contemporary's representative that the reason for the disinclination of the Marconi Company to report on the matter may be in the fact that they are probably in doubt whether it is their own message that has been picked up, or one sent by other systems in the United States and Canada, or even the messages that are being sent by the Transatlantic boats traversing the ocean. "The American Government and others, as is well known," he said, "are trying a considerable number of experiments with reference to wireless telegraphy, and it is quite possible that any one of these may be responsible for the message which is reported as having been received from the South of England at Tablehead. But it is certainly within the bounds of possibility that the vibrations produced by the tremendous power that Marconi is working in Cornwall may be of such a pitch even to enable him to identify his own message. Still, as there is an element of doubt about the matter, I can quite understand the reticence of the Marconi people; they want to make sure that their own message has been received. The process of verification is necessarily slow.

Daily's Paris correspondent says the wireless telegraph stations now in course of construction at Cape de la Hogue, near Cherbourg, and Cape Grisnez near Calais, will be opened during next month. It is announced that these stations will send and receive messages to and from ships at distances not exceed ing 300 miles.

CURIOUS SAYINGS OF CHILDREN.

THE children at a kindergarten in India were being asked the names of their favourite Kings and Queens (writes a correspondent in the "Spectator") Akbar, William the Conqueror, Richard the Lion-hearted, were the answers of the mass. "King Edward the Seventh," said one small voice, with a flourish. "What can you know about King Edward?" asked his teacher, to try him. The child drew himself up to the full height of his four years. "He is my King?" was his answer, and surely a conclusive one. The child who described Henry VIII. as a "professional widower" was an English production. Then there was "Jack," writing to his aunt in England his six-year-old impressions of India—"Here we have a larger mood, and we keep it better polished?" And N——, who upon being told he was getting quite old (he had had two birthdays), replied; "Indeed, I am not: I am almost new?" When still "almost new" N—— was found one day, sitting solemnly on a chair, kicking his legs up and down. "What is it in me that wants to go for a walk?" he asked. "Not my legs, for I could move them here." Ethel and Marjory went with their mother to the Stores, to buy gold-clubs for their father, who was sweltering in the Indian plains. "Ethel," said Marjory, "are these for our Father which art in heaven, or our father which art in India?" "Hush, Marjory!" was the answer. "Don't you know that our Father which art in heaven only plays Sunday games?" (I cannot help inserting here the remark of one of my acquaintances to whom I take all my stories, because her absence of any sense of humour prompts her to inimitably comment. "Ah!" she said on being told the above, "I suppose, then the mother was married twice!")

Granville said his prayers at bed-time, but refused to do so in the morning. "A fellow must be a fool if he can't take care of himself in the day!" "Make Tom a good boy," said another five-year-old; adding, "Do you hear, that, Tom?" And—"Wait Lord, while I kick Tom!" was another of his interjections. Elsie's sayings were numerous. "I wish I could bathe in chapters," was one extracted on a shivering winter's night. When she was about eight she hating being called of a morning and thought of a way out of the necessity. "Trespassers on my dreams shall be prosekuted!" was the announcement in her largest writing found pinned on to her coverlet. The spelling was what Elsie herself would have called "pathetic!" "Some one once told me I spelt on the pathetic system," she confided to me! It was very pathetic sometimes as when she wrote of her sweet little "ginny-pigs!" "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords," was in the Sunday hymn. "Do you know Whom that means, dear?" asked the mother. "Let me see; now would it be hearts or clubs?" "Is the gentleman in the sailor-hat an Apostle?" was the comment of another child on the saint in a church window.

From a Bishop who had been preaching in his mitre I have my next story. It is the conversation of two small children, who sat just below the pulpit. The poor Bishop could not help overhearing their little whisperings. "He's a King!" said one.—"He isn't!" was the contemptuous reply; "this is Church."—"He is!"—"No! he isn't."—"Well, then, he's a clown!" "I don't like Christian soldiers. I like barrat soldiers better," said Geoffrey, whose hero was Lord Roberts. His small brother's rendering of his nightly hymn was original:—

"May thine Angels spread,
Their white tents above me,
Over Ruby's bed!"

CONCESSIONS IN SZECHUAN.

A CORRESPONDENT writes regarding the concessions granted to English and French Syndicates in Szechuan:—There is no doubt whatever that Szechuan contains plenty of mineral wealth, but whether in the present state of communications in China it will pay to work it is quite another matter. The minerals contained in the present concessions are petroleum, coal and iron. As regards the first petroleum has as yet been discovered in Szechuan. Natural gas is obtained in considerable quantities from the brine wells so there are indications that petroleum may be got, but it must be remembered that many of the existing brine wells are over 3,000 feet in depth. Of course the oil may be got at a lower level or at places where brine wells do not exist and it is certainly worth having a try for it. If discovered in quantity it would of course pay to work even in out-of-the-way Szechuan. The opinions of such experts as have examined the country are however not very encouraging.

As regards coal, enormous quantities exist in Szechuan, a great deal of which is of good quality, being bituminous, but for a long time there can be no great demand for it. The Yangtse gorges are not and never can be made navigable for commercial steamers so communication with Szechuan must be effected by rail. This will be either from the east from Hupei side or from the south from the French quarter, more probably the former. There will not be any great demand for this coal east of Hankow because the Peking Hankow Railway will open up the coal fields south of the Yellow River in Honan and Shansi, and the coal fields in Southern and Eastern Hunan. Szechuan coal cannot therefore get a large market until communications and manufactories cause a demand in Szechuan itself. That will not be for many years yet.

As regards iron, if it proves of quality suitable for exportation to Japan there will be an immediate demand, but failing this there are many other places in China where coal and iron are in close proximity and are more favourably situated for exploitation than Szechuan.

The value of the two latter minerals really depends upon whether petroleum is found or not: if it is they may possibly be worked on account of the rapid development the oil works will cause. Failing petroleum I don't think Szechuan coal or iron are worth much during this generation.

However it is always satisfactory to see British concessions being obtained; but those who have had experience of China can tell you that the fact that a concession has been obtained does not necessarily mean that it can be started at once. The Chinese have ways and means unknown to any other people, and it is not always fair to condemn capitalists who have obtained concessions because they do not start work at once. Undoubtedly certain British concessions ought to have got ahead faster than they have, the blame for which is with the company or syndicate, but this is the exception rather than rule.

I don't wish to throw cold water on these Szechuan concessions; all I wish to point out is that they are necessarily a gamble, and that it is a great mistake to suppose that every concession obtained in Szechuan—or any other part of China—must be an Eldorado.

RESCUED IN MID-OCEAN.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE ON A SINKING BARQUE.

A THRILLING story of the exertions of thirteen sailors in keeping afloat in mid-Atlantic their leaky barque which hour by hour was slowly sinking from under their feet and of their timely rescue by the liner Pennsylvania just as they were about to cast off on a raft was told by the men themselves on their arrival at Plymouth on September 26.

The barque was the Bothnia of Christiania bound from Bridgwater (N. S.) to Swansea with a cargo of deals. Soon after the start she sprang a leak and for fifteen days and nights the crew were kept hard at the pumps.

But the leak was a serious one, and the water ran in quicker than it could be got out. Slowly, but surely, the sea rose higher and higher in the hold, and the crew were confronted with the awful prospect of the ship being waterlogged and disappearing beneath them.

Last Wednesday the water was within an inch or two of the deck, and the crew were beginning to lose all hope. It was useless to pump, and as in a few hours the barque would sink, the despairing crew hastily constructed a raft from the cargo and after getting together a supply of provisions and some barrels of water sat down to wait for the time when they would have to launch the frail craft on the ocean.

Such was the state of affairs when the Pennsylvania have in sight. It was light then and the waving of flags by the ship wrecked crew could not be seen from the decks of the liner owing to the distance.

When dusk set in rockets were sent up, and, soon after these were answered by the ocean steamer. However, so fearful were the sailors that they might be passed by that they continued to fire off the signals until the liner was within speaking distance.

Two lifeboats were put off from the liner but owing to the heavy sea running it was some time before the crew of the Bothnia could be reached and landed safely on the great ship.

Before the barque was finally left in the darkness she was set on fire from end to end, as she was right in the track of steamers, and the last that was seen of her by the Pennsylvania was a speck of light on the horizon.

CAST ON A DESERT ISLE.

Another story of the perilous adventures of a crew who were for twenty-five days on a desert isle has been brought by the French liner Irrawaddy.

The Swedish barque Adelaide, during a terrible gale in Mozambique Channel, was cast ashore on the desert island of Juan Denova, where for nearly a month the crew underwent the greatest privations.

With starvation staring them in the face the men at last decided to put to sea in one of the damaged boats, and were not picked up until they were on the point of death from want of food.

A MARVELLOUS MALAY.

THE CAREER OF AGUINALDO.

THE student of the world's progress certainly finds food for thought in the present century's attitude of conquered and conqueror. Delarey and Botha ordering dress suits from a London tailor, De Wet being cheered by a people for whom his name was for months a nightmare of horror, present an anomaly, yet hardly so striking a one as Aguinaldo, the Napoleon of the Philippines, being coaxed by the charms of a lecture bureau. Yet, according to news to hand, the famous guerilla warrior is booked for a tour in the United States.

It has been said that to understand Aguinaldo thoroughly it is necessary first thoroughly to understand the Philippines. Certainly he cannot be measured by ordinary standards. He is a living example of the strenuous life of the twentieth century having been soldier, sailor, medical student, petty officeholder (under Spanish rule), and "Chief Executive of his nation, since he was a house boy and scoured the knives and set the table for a Jesuit priest at Cavite.

This great little man is a Malay of mixed origin. His mother is of Tegal-Igarrote extraction with a dash of Chinese blood, which is visible in the Oriental slant of her son's intelligent eyes, the contour of his cheek-bones, and the yellowish tinge in his complexion. Aguinaldo himself says, he is the son of a Spanish General of aristocratic lineage. In view of his high ambitions and military talent, as well as a certain proud dignity of bearing rarely acquired except by inheritance, his claim is a reasonable one. He is also extremely cleanly in his habits, and, while a prisoner, was most particular about having a fresh change of linen and immaculate duck trousers every morning. He has, too, the cast of countenance peculiar to high class Spaniards born in Cuba or the West Indies with a strain of island blood.

Aguinaldo was a precocious boy, and as early as the age of fourteen passed a successful examination and became a student in the medical department of the Pontifical University at Manila. In 1888 he had some trouble with the Spanish authorities and fled to Hong Kong, the political haven and chosen residence of many of his countrymen. There he continued his studies at Victoria College, which he left to serve in the Chinese army with the purpose of learning something of the art of war. With the same end in view he transferred himself to the Chinese navy where for several months he was under the command of the brilliant but unfortunate Captain Mc Giffin. When he at last returned to his beloved Islands it was as a falling firebrand in a heap of tow.

Some months before he was captured in his remote retreat at Palanan by General Funston, word was brought to American headquarters that the little brown "President" was hiding at Carburnan. Major Cronin with a picked troop swooped down upon the place one morning and found nobody but Aguinaldo's wife, his mother, his little five-year old son Miguel and a retinue of Chinese servants. The two women and the boy were made prisoners, but immediately paroled with characteristic American courtesy. His mother chews betel nut and smokes cigarettes incessantly. His wife, who is young, pretty and of Spanish and pure Tagal blood also smokes cigarettes, as does every Filipino girl over twelve. Little Miguel smokes, too, but cigarette stars are much too mild for his small stomach, and he puffs away at big black cigars. He also swears in three languages, Chinese, Spanish and the Filipino "patois," and with a fluency that well nigh paralysed Uncle Sam's veterans, though they can do a little lurid word painting themselves on occasion. The vocabulary of profane adjectives at the command of Aguinaldo fils would astonish an old time pirate.

BATTLESHIPS IN WAX.

SECRETS OF THE BRITISH TESTING-TANK.

ONE of the most important and certainly the least known of our naval establishments is the testing-house a Haslar. So jealously are the secrets of this place guarded that naval officers even are not allowed to enter it unless they first obtain an official permit. These permits are but sparingly granted, for the British Admiralty has a penchant for not letting its right hand, as represented by one branch of the service, know what its left hand, represented by other branches, is doing. In this case secrecy is not maintained without good reason, for the testing tank, to give the place its everyday name, is a sort of incuba or where the ideas of naval architects are hatched out. When the Chief Constructor designs a new ship his proposals are laid before the Admiralty, and, if approved a rough draft is sent to the officials in charge of the testing tank. These make a complete model of the proposed new man of war and carry out experiments which demonstrate to a nicety whether a ship of the submitted design will achieve what is expected of it.

The model is made to scale and of paraffin wax, the only substance suitable for the purpose. It is then placed in a long tank filled with water. To the bow of the model is affixed a length of string having a weight hung at the other end of it. This weight gradually draws the model along the tank. As it moves calculations are made, which give the speed of the vessel under various conditions and with different engine powers. Stability is also ascertained, for two guides on either side of the model the full length of the tank. Careful watch is kept to see whether the model heels to one side or the other, and not until it has floated the full distance without touching the guides is the stability correct. Should the model lean to one side or the other the top heavy parts are carefully shaved off until perfect equilibrium is obtained. The shavings are then weighed in delicate balances and calculations made which give to a pound the reductions in weight which have to be made in various parts of the ship to ensure her the right degree of metacentric height. When this has been done the information obtained is sent up to the Admiralty. The necessary modifications are made, and the complete plans of the ship got out. Once again the testing-tank is called into operation. More wax models are made and tried, and not until the officials at Haslar report that all is as desired is the order to build the ship given.

The tanks were established as the outcome of a series of important experiments in the effect of wave-motion upon ships. These experiments were begun by the late Mr. Froude (a brother of James Anthony Froude), who made discoveries of such importance that the Admiralty adopted his methods of research, and set up the establishment at Haslar, placing Mr. Froude in charge of it.

AUSTRIAN ROMANCE.

OFFICER'S SOJOURN IN A LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE romantic and mysterious affair which led to the arrest and imprisonment of Captain Rainer Jannasius Fischer, late of the Austrian Army, has been closed by the release of the gallant captain after some eight months' confinement.

The facts, as far as they have been allowed to transpire, are as follows:—

On leaving the army Fischer, the son of an official filling a high charge in Archduke Rainer's household and who married the daughter of an Austrian Lieutenant-General, opened a Vienna café in Breslau.

Last January he was suddenly arrested, and in obedience to a hint from a high quarter, extradited on a charge of attempting to extort money from the Archduke, whose godson he is, and of whom he asserts he is the natural son. It was declared that the prisoner was insane—the Archduke's chamberlain at least said so—though Dr. Kurello, of Breslau, certified him to be of sound mind.

Great secrecy was observed. Fischer was scrupulously kept apart from all other prisoners, and when the trial at last came off it took place within closed doors, in spite of the captain's protests. In the result Fischer was handed over to the asylum authorities, but the doctors were not so servile as was apparently supposed, for they also declared his mind to be perfectly normal.

So Fischer has now been set at liberty on condition of giving his word of honour not to molest the Archduke again.

THE Right Hon. W. J. Pirrie, who has figured so much in connection with the Morgan Shipping Combine, and who has been selected as the Unionist candidate for North Derry in the event of a vacancy in the Parliamentary representation, has had a remarkable career. In 1862, when only fifteen years of age, he entered the famous shipbuilding yard of Messrs. Harland and Wolff at Belfast. Twelve years later he became a partner subsequently succeeding to the chairmanship of the company. He was born at Quebec in 1847.

SERICULTURE is a subject that has been recently included in the curriculum of the Seebpore Engineering College. Twenty lectures are delivered on the subject in the course of a year. Students who attend these lectures are taken at Government cost to the several centres of silk work in the Lower Provinces, where they are given opportunities to acquire practical knowledge of cocoon-rearing and silk-weaving. From the enthusiasm which some of the students have exhibited in mastering this subject, it may be anticipated that in course of time considerable impetus will be given to the industry. It is stated that a number of natives engaged in the industry have lately learned the use of the microscope in their work, and it is possible that scientific methods of silk-worm rearing and silk manufacture may be adopted with very beneficial effect.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

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WRITERS AND READERS.

THE Countess of Cork and Orrery is editing two volumes from the interesting Orrery Papers which are in the possession of the family. These volumes will, in effect, be epistolary vignettes of the middle part of the eighteenth century. They will introduce us to the earl who was Pope's friend, to Swift, and to various celebrities. Messrs. Duckworth announce the book.

Mr. Justin McCarthy is dedicating his history of Queen Anne's reign to his daughter, Miss Charlotte Mary McCarthy. It makes two large volumes, which Messrs. Chatto are to publish on October 21. Mr. McCarthy will now write a volume bringing his historical series up to the close of Queen Victoria's reign. It will thus be another volume of his History of Our Own Times, which at present ends at the Diamond Jubilee of 1897.

There is an idea that Zola has left something in the nature of memoirs, though hardly perhaps an autobiography. Whether this is actually so will only be known, however, when his literary remains have been examined. Another point of interest and doubt refers to the three romances in which he was dealing with social life. It is certain that the third of these, Truth, is finished, but it is uncertain if the third and final volume, Justice, exists even in skeleton form.

It is surely a rare thing for a first novel to appear simultaneously in three languages. Yet this is the good fortune which is attending a story by Madame Tosti, the wife of the wellknown composer. She has written The Heart of Ruby, as the story is entitled, in French. An English rendering of it, which Messrs. Chapman will publish, has been made by Miss Violet Hunt. Then Madame Mathilde Serao, the Italian novelist, has translated the story into the language of her country

At the time of his death Sir Edward Burne-Jones had in hand a series of designs for an illustrated edition of Mr. Mackail's Biblia Innocentium, which was to have been produced by the Kelmscott Press. Twenty-five of the designs were so far carried out that, with the help of Mr. Catterson Smith, who assisted Burne-Jones on the Kelmscott Chaucer, it has been found possible to complete them. They are to be published as a volume by Messrs. Longman under the title The Beginning of the World.

Sir Leslie Stephen has just returned to London from his summer holiday which he spent in the New Forest. His second series of the Studies of a Biographer is printed, and will be out almost at once. It writes of Southey's letters, of the Browning letters, of New Lights on Milton, and of William Godwin's novels. Shakespeare as a man, Ruskin, Huxley, Froude, Emerson, Trollope, Stevenson, Walter Bagehot, and John Donne, are subjects for essays. There is one on the cosmopolitan spirit in literature, and another in praise of walking. Sir Leslie Stephen is a veteran Alpinist.

The elder Dumas was the author of several books of travel as well as of romances. In the year 1834 he began a series of journeys which he described in some delightful sketches and stories. A volume of these, dealing with a trip through Sicily, is to be published by Mr. Dent as a companion to his edition of the romances. It would seem that the information which Dumas gathered about Sicily, still blooms in the Sicilian guidebooks. For the traveller Dumas, however, it is necessary to go to himself, and English readers will be glad to do so.

Archdeacon Sinclair is giving us, through Messrs. Longmans, a volume on The Church of England and Nonconformists. Its contents were in the first instance, and recently, delivered as a charge to the clergy and churchwardens of the archdeaconry. Speaking of his treatment of a large subject, with many historical details, the Archdeason remarks in the preface: "I have earnestly endeavoured to say nothing that could vex those with whose views I have been dealing on one side or the other. I earnestly pray that a calm review of the facts may tend to mutual understanding."

Novelists on the look-out for plots and characters—and characters, anyhow—may like to hear of a new and complete issue of Pitcairn's Ancient Criminal Trials in Scotland. Much romance and tragedy lie buried away in them. Indeed Mr. Gardner of Paisley, who will publish the new edition, consulted some of the best-known historians of the day before deciding to do so. They favoured the idea, saying such an edition would be a gain to the study of history and social development in Scotland. The period which the trials cover lies between the years 1488 and 1624; that is to say, the reigns of James IV., James V., Queen Mary, and James VI. Pitcairn, who was an Edinburgh writer to the Signet, began the work at the suggestion of Sir Walter Scott, who, all through, helped him with advice. Great biographies, in our day of leisure, says Mr. George Gissing, are too commonly taken as read. He says this in a note prefatory to the edition of Forster's Life of Dickens which he has abridged and revised for Messrs Chapman, and which is now appearing. It cannot be doubted that many people who would like to make acquaintance with this biography have been deterred by its length. This was the thought which suggested the present edition, in which Mr. Gissing—"has made it his guiding principle to preserve as much as possible of that autobiographic matter which Forster so largely and so judiciously drew upon, in Carlyle's phrase, those sparkling, clear, and sunny utterances of Dickens's own, wherein the very man speaks to us." The life, in its new and welcome form, has many pictures.

Q's new volume of short stories will have the title The White Wolf and other Fireside Tales.—Mr. Silas K. Hocking has another religious novel appearing with Messrs. Warne. It is called The Wizard's Light. —Mr. Charles E. Brock, who is illustrating Mr. Dent's edition of Thackeray, has been ill. He has now, however, recovered, and has just completed the drawings for The Virginians.—Mr. W. L. Alden is the writer of a story Drewitt's Dream, which Messrs. Chatto will publish soon. They have a story by Mr. William Westall, The Sacred Crescents, ready for publication.—To Duckworth's Greenback Library of Fiction Mrs. Barbara Baynton is contributing a volume of Bush Stories, and Miss Beatrice Barmby a story entitled Rossiy's Raid.—Miss Rhoda Broughton's new novel Lavinia is a study in contrasted types of manhood seen through a woman's eyes. It will be published by Messrs. Macmillan in the third week of October.

With the October number, the Idler, which Mr. Robert Barr is again editing, will again be published by Messrs. Chatto.—That well-known American writer Mr. John Fiske, left a volume of historical and literary essays, which Messrs. Macmillan are to publish here. —Under the title, The Heart of Japan, Mr. C. L. Brownell has written an account of life in districts of Japan remote from the track of travellers. It will be published by Messrs. Methuen.—Mr. A. W. Pollard is contributing a volume on English book illustration of to-day to the English Bookman's Library, published by Messrs. Kegan Paul.—Mr. Henry Frowde is adding Aurora Leigh, Sonnets from the Portuguese and other poems, by Mrs. Browning, and Longfellow's complete poems to the Oxford Miniature Poets' series—The Social Ladder is the name of Mr. Charles Dana Gibson's book of cartoons for this autumn. Mr. Lane is publishing it.—A volume of essays treating of The Lost Art of Reading is promised by Messrs. Putnam. It is by Mr. Gerald Stanley Lee, an American writer. —We regret that, owing to a misprint, the Recollections of a Long Life were reviewed as the work of Mr. Angler. The author's name, of course, is Mr. Theodore Ledyard Cuyler.

The formation of a committee for the erection of a bust of Shakespeare at Elsinore is fresh testimony to the world-wide appreciation for the genius of Hamlet's dramatic creator. The site selected for the monument has a special appropriateness as directly facing the Hamlet Terrace of the castle of Kronborg, where the conversation of Hamlet with his father's ghost traditionally took place, and in the immediate neighbourhood the visitor is still shown not only Hamlet's grave but also Ophelia's brook, so that Shakespearian associations in the neighbourhood are as thick as blackberries. They will presumably be sufficient to annul the unromantic propinquity of the railway station, near which the monument, as candour compels its promoter to assert, will have to be erected. Denmark knows more about Shakespeare in all probability than Shakespeare knew about Denmark, and it is refreshing to find a committee resolved in spite of recent scepticism to put up a monument to Shakespeare as the creator of the King's Ghost and not to Bacon's ghost as the creator of Shakespeare.

WAS Shakespeare a Roman Catholic? Cardinal Wiseman and others have argued he was; and according to the "Biographical Dictionary of English Catholics," just published by a London firm, he is claimed as a Catholic on the ground that it is traditionally asserted that upon his deathbed the poet received the last rites from a Benedictine. The Bacon theory, apparently, is out of court in the eyes of the editor of the Dictionary.

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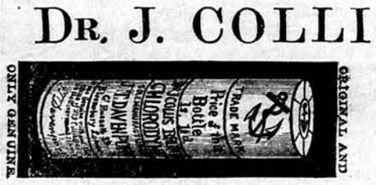

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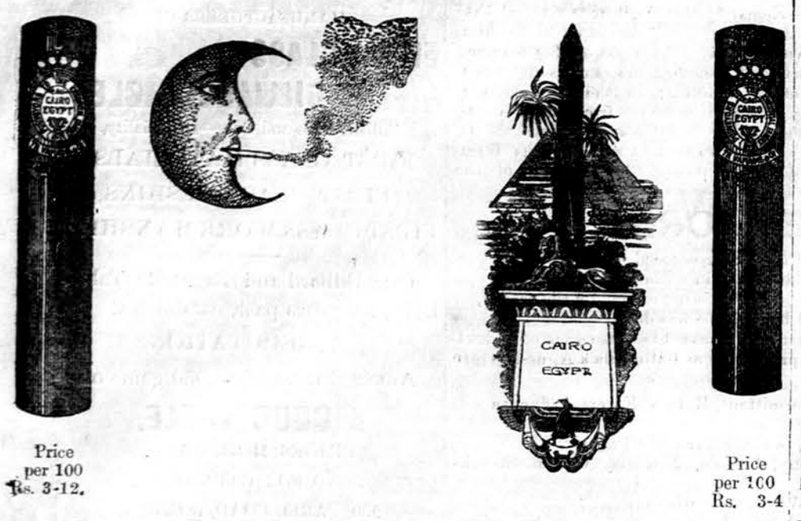

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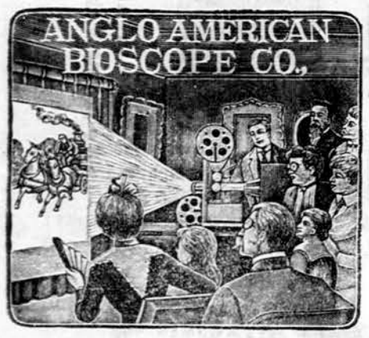

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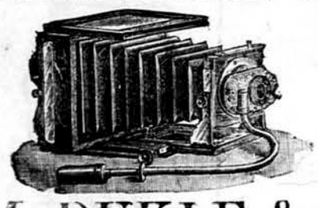

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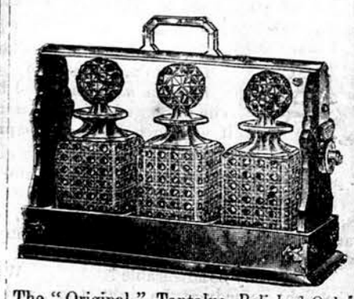
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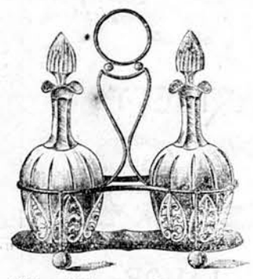
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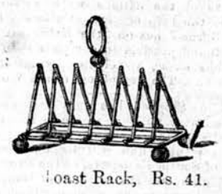
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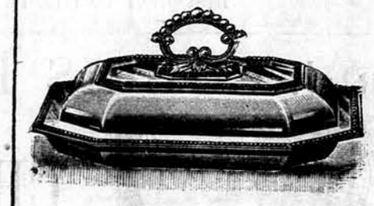
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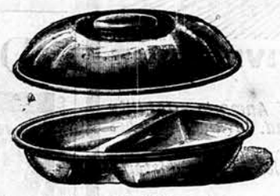
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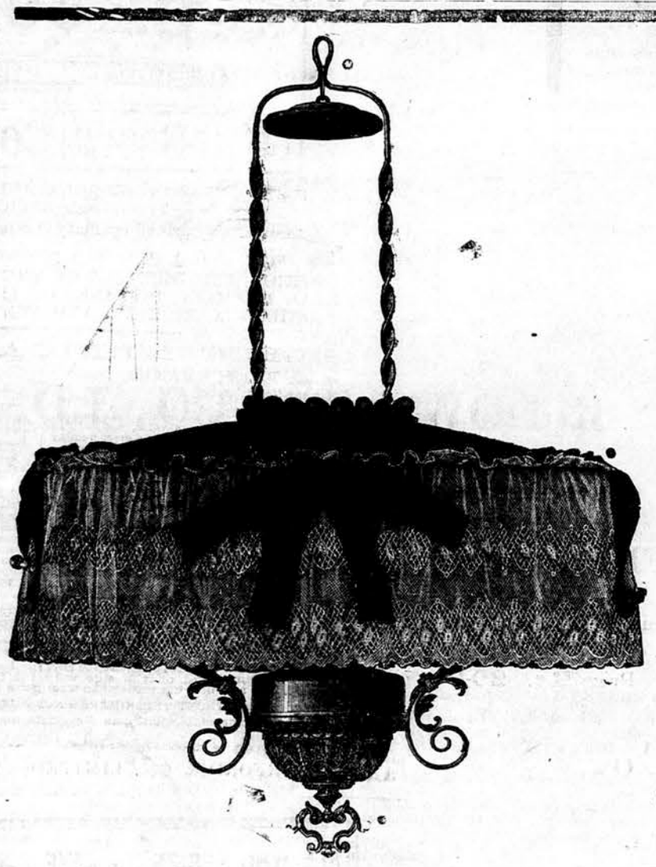

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